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Mall shooting an 'execution-style' hit

Asian Assassins. Both men who were shot in a Yorkdale parking lot were in a gang: Police

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The two men shot at Yorkdale Mall last weekend were members of the Asian Assassins street gang, police say.

A post-mortem determined Michael Nguyen, 23, died from multiple gunshot wounds, said Det. Rob North.

Nguyen and a fellow gang member were leaving the mall and walking to their car when they were shot at.

"In my opinion, someone must have known they were at Yorkdale and were waiting outside in the parking lot to ambush when they returned to their vehicle," he said. "Nguyen was able to flee for a short distance before he collapsed, at which time he was shot several more times, execution-style. The second victim was also able to flee, but in the process of doing so, was also shot."

Police believe there were two or more gunmen shooting at Nguyen and the other man, neither of whom returned fire, he said.

Police have not publicly identified the second man, who is recovering from his wounds.

"Both victims are known to police and Nguyen has a criminal record. We are alleging at this time that both victims are members of a violent Toronto street gang called the Asian Assassins," North said.

The Asian Assassins is a street gang based in the Alexandra Park neighbourhood.

Nguyen and two other young men, also believed to belong to the Asian Assassins, pleaded guilty to a 2005 home invasion in Windsor. One of the co-accused was Qoheleth Chong, who was shot and killed in the club district last November.

North said the police investigation has not connected the two deaths, but Toronto police are reaching out to other jurisdictions.

Chong and Nguyen both grew up in Alexandra Park.

Donna Harrow, director of the African Canadian Coalition of Community Organizations, works in the area and knew both Nguyen and Chong since they were young.

Shortly before his death, Chong told her he was turning his life around and applying to a program to learn carpentry, she said.

As part of her work with the African Canadian Coalition of Community Organizations, Harrow is trying to end gun violence.

Shortly before his death in November, Qoheleth Chong told a community worker he wanted to turn his life around. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HEY OFFENCE, WHAT HAPPENED?

Slugger Jose Bautista, seen here dodging an inside pitch, hit a 9th inning game-tying home run Wednesday, but it just wasn't enough. The Jays wasted a stellar six-inning effort by Brandon Morrow, losing 3-2 to the Cleveland Indians in 11 innings. For the story, see page 57.

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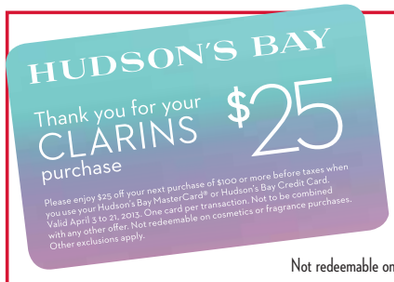
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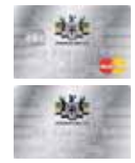

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Loophole keeps 'dead' baby mistake a mystery

Hospital secrets. There's a law for things they don't want to expose

A provincial "secrecy loophole" a decade in the making is the reason the public can't know how or why a baby was wrongly declared dead at a Toronto hospital.

Ontario hospitals have the power to choose whether to conduct an investigation under the Quality of Care Information Protection Act — a label which automatically makes its findings secret — or to hold reviews without using the Act and its unique protections.

An investigation into how a newborn baby girl was mistakenly pronounced dead at Humber River Hospital in February is now complete, but its findings and recommendations are being kept secret because the hospital chose to conduct the review under the Act.

Health Minister Deb Matthews said Wednesday the ministry is "looking at ways to release whatever information can be released" about the Humber incident. Meanwhile, Dr. Rueben Devlin, president and CEO of Humber River, said the findings will not be made public or released to the family.

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Background

The Humber baby incident took place on Feb. 17, when a 20-year-old woman was taken by ambulance to hospital after she gave birth outdoors in -15 C temperatures.

- The baby was pronounced dead after "extensive resuscitation efforts," the hospital said.
- But after about 90 minutes, police officers waiting for a coroner at the Finch Ave. W. hospital saw movement under a sheet covering the infant. She was still alive.

New series of double-decker GO buses keep a lower profile

Ontario Transportation Minister Glen Murray unveiled a new series of 25 double-decker GO buses Wednesday, calling it an example of the billions of dollars the Liberal government has invested in regional transit. The new buses are 10 cm lower than GO's other double-deckers, meaning the 81-seat models can travel on more routes around the region without risk from low overpasses. METROLINX

Murder suspect wanted after breaking surrender agreement

Police negotiated the surrender of a suspect in last week's Entertainment District murder, but the suspect broke the agreement and fled.

Det. Joyce Schertzer said Nisar Hashimi, 23, is wanted for first-degree murder and attempted murder using a firearm. Police allege he fatally shot Anthony Smith, 21, and wounded another man outside the Loki Lounge on King Street West in the early hours of Thursday morning.

"I've had several recent conversations with Mr. Hashimi's council and did make arrangements to have him surrender to police this morning. However, Mr. Hashimi did not honour that agreement," she said.

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"Every officer on duty in the City of Toronto has your picture. The chief of police has afforded us every resource available to arrest you. You will be apprehended." Det. Joyce Schertzer

"I'd like to offer a very public message to any family, friends, associates or acquaintances who may consider offering assistance to Mr. Hashimi in abating apprehension: There are criminal consequences to offering him comfort, shelter or assistance and those who harbour him will be prosecuted accordingly."

Police have alerted borders and other police agencies about Hashimi.

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Move over, Molly Maid: New services make cleaning just a little dirty

Love a man in a uniform? Put some ooh-la-la in your daily chores

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Scrubbing and cleaning in the right outfit can make even the most mundane chores a whole lot more fun — especially if someone else is doing them.

Whether it's a sexy girl sporting a French-maid costume while cooking your meals and dusting your home, or a manly window cleaner flaunting his legs while up a ladder in a traditional Scottish kilt, some new local businesses are bringing sexy to cleaning, while catering to their clients' whims and fantasies.

Men in Kilts, touted as Canada's largest full-service window-cleaning, gutter-cleaning and pressure-washing company, set up shop in Toronto last month. Owners Sentwali Lewis and Darcy Longpre are hoping their unusual work attire will give them a leg-up in the local industry.

"All the other window-cleaning companies out there, they all do a good job, but I think we could do a better job, while providing excellent customer service and putting a smile on all of our clients' faces," Lewis says.

The reaction so far has been positive, says Lewis, who brought in new clients just by shopping while dressed in his kilt.

"I was walking through the store. The manager of the store couldn't stop laughing and giggling," says Lewis, who admits he's used to being the centre of attention. "And we signed on to do their windows for them commercially."

While his business is about keeping the outside clean, for inside chores there's Maids and Valets, which opened in Toronto last June.

Margo Belaya and business partner Kaytee Normad say their service is good, practical housecleaning and visual entertainment, all in one.

"It's better to have your house cleaned, or someone cooking for you, if it's a sexy person," Belaya says. "Any service is better performed by 'eye candy.'"

Their cleanup crew consists of 20 housekeepers, butlers and bartenders, who wait on clients wearing anything from professional attire, a French-maid outfit, lingerie or just their underwear.

The idea has been growing in Europe and other parts of the world, but is still fairly new for Toronto, Belaya says. After she saw postings looking for similar services on Craigslist and Kijiji, she knew it would be a hit here.

But it's all strictly hands-off, says Belaya, who stresses that her workers do not provide sexual favours. With a $500 fine attached to any sexual advances or harassment stated in the Maids and Valets policy, the rule hasn't been broken so far, she says.

Maids and Valets has been hired for everything from nude family gatherings to birthdays for seniors to spice up the party. But besides bringing a bit of fun with them, they also help cure some lonely hearts.

"It's not only about cleaning or cooking. Sometimes people are lonely, they just want company, they just book someone to sit there with them, eat lunch, have a drink and talk, and that's it," Belaya says. "So it's all about communication sometimes."

Fantasies come true

These U.S.-based websites offer sexy products and services:

- Those without a special someone to snuggle with can pay for private sessions with professional snugglers at thesnuggery.org.
- Single men can buy girlfriend-like services for just $5 at girlfriendhire.com. They can even get their new fake online girlfriends to text them, comment on their Facebook walls and more.
- For couples looking to spice things up in the bedroom, thefantasybox.com mails kits including toys, costumes, lingerie and other sexy items to get you started.

Do your fantasies run to a boxer-clad hunk, a good old-fashioned French maid or a Chippendales dancer? These are only some of the "uniforms" that can be requested when ordering cleaning services. CONTRIBUTED

At your service

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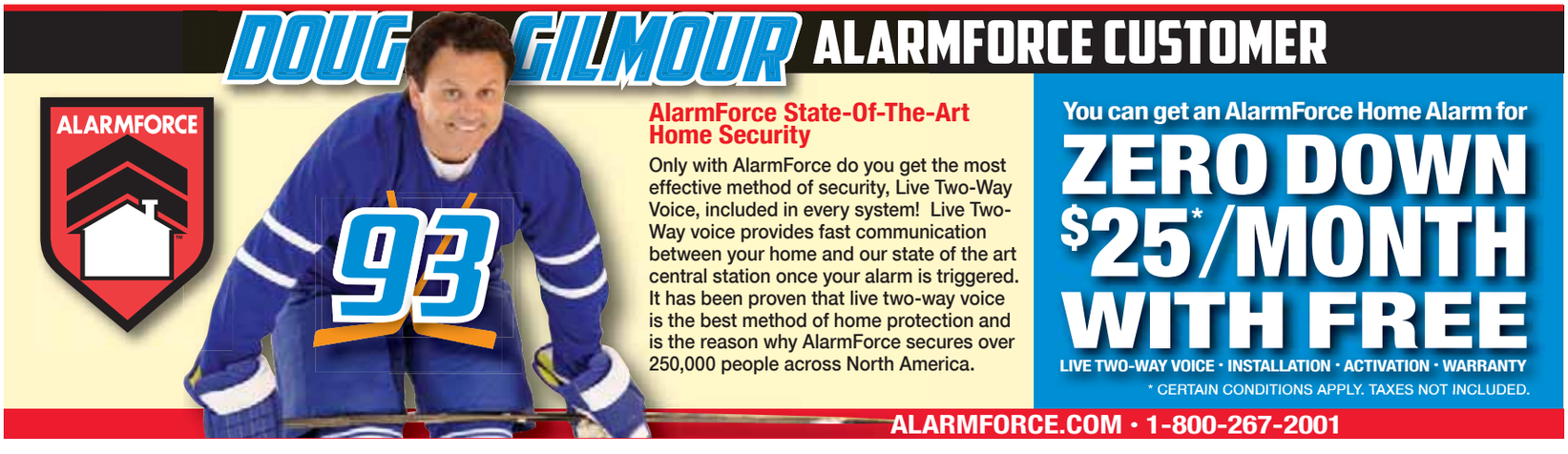
Margo Belaya, co-owner of Maids and Valets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Centennial College

Student jailed for sex assaults

A Centennial College business student who offered lifts to two female acquaintances, only to drive to a secluded spot and force them to perform oral sex, has been sentenced to five years in jail.

Samsuldeen Ajimotokan told the judge Wednesday he had learned a lot from the time already spent in jail and hoped to improve his life. But Ajimotokan appeared increasingly agitated as the judge gave his reasons for the sentence.

Ajimotokan was a 23-year-old business administration student at Centennial when he attacked the two women. He plans to finish his studies and work in a family business.

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'Understandings'

Elementary teachers say they're close to new deal with province

The union representing Ontario's public elementary teachers says it has reached "understandings" with the Liberal government on a host of issues, but no tentative agreement just yet.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation says all of its discussions with the government have been focused on finding solutions without the government adding new money to the pot.

The union says the new understandings include better payouts for unused sick days for younger teachers, the same deal the government recently agreed to for high school teachers.

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Charity basketball

Swapping suits for sneaks on Bay St.

From Thursday through Saturday, the Bay Street Hoops Charity Basketball Tournament will have Bay Streeters swapping suits for sneaks in the name of charity. More than 600 Bay Street VIPs, community leaders, Special Olympics Athletes and KidSport participants are shooting towards a fundraising goal of $160,000, benefiting Special Olympics Ontario and KidSport. Go to baystreethoops.com for more info.

Close to 50 teams will compete in the tourney. SUBMITTED

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Class action launched over weak chemo drugs

Health care. Wynne vows to investigate chemotherapy error

A multi-government investigation into how nearly 1,200 Canadian cancer patients received watered-down chemotherapy treatments started yesterday afternoon at a Mississauga industrial complex.

Shortly after, the law firm Siskinds LLP and Strosberg, Sutts LLP announced they are preparing a class-action lawsuit against Hamilton's Marchese Health Care on behalf of cancer patients in Ontario and New Brunswick, who reportedly received the low-dose chemotherapy treatments. They are also trying to contact individuals who received the watered-down chemo treatments.

Two Health Canada agents and an inspector from the Ontario College of Pharmacists arrived Wednesday at Marchese, the pharmacy contracted to mix and supply the drug cocktails, several hours after Premier Kathleen Wynne vowed to "find out how this happened."

On Tuesday, Cancer Care Ontario announced that four hospitals in Ontario and one in New Brunswick administered diluted chemotherapy drugs to patients.

Hospital execs told Torstar News Service the problem is a matter of improper labeling at the supplier's end while Marchese suggested some hospitals simply didn't administer the drug the proper way.

Officials with the health ministry said many patients who received the diluted treatment have been contacted. Matthews said they are receiving expedited appointments with their respective oncologists. The affected 990 patients were at four hospitals in Ontario: London Health Sciences Centre, Windsor Regional Hospital, Lakeridge Health and Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

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"I think this rocks people's trust in the health-care system ..."

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath

Premier Kathleen Wynne said finding out how low-dose chemotherapy drugs were administered to patients is a must. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Real estate.

House sales slump 17% but prices still rise

Home sales continued their downward slide across the GTA in March — down 17 per cent over the same period a year ago — but prices continue to climb, according to figures released by Toronto Real Estate Board Wednesday.

Overall, home sales were down 14 per cent for the first quarter of 2013, thanks to a slump in sales that began last summer.

The average house price for the quarter was $519,879, up 3.2 per cent from the first quarter of 2012, said TREB.

Despite an upswing in new listings in March, heading into the peak spring market, there remains a shortage of houses for sale in some Toronto neighbourhoods close to the core and to transit, which continues to fuel bidding wars that are pushing up prices.

Once again, condos saw the biggest slump in sales, with 18.4 fewer resale units trading hands last month over March 2012; declines that were felt with equal force in both the City of Toronto and the 905 regions.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Half of Canadians unsure Trudeau qualified to be PM

Justin Trudeau, Liberal Party of Canada leadership candidate, to face attack ads if he wins, sources say. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

If Justin Trudeau is elected Liberal leader this month, he still has to convince about half of Canadians that he's qualified to be prime minister, a new poll shows.

With Conservatives reportedly set to attack Trudeau's fitness for office and his claims to speak for the middle class, Forum Research asked more than 1,300 Canadians about how they viewed the qualifications of the 41-year-old ex-teacher and son of the former prime minister.

While 48 per cent said Trudeau was qualified to be PM, 37 per cent said he wasn't and another 16 per cent said they didn't know.

The people most likely to see him as having what it takes to fill the job are Liberals, predictably, but also women, Atlantic Canadians, university-educated people and also those earning between $20,000 and $40,000 a year.

New Democrats and Greens also seem open to seeing Trudeau as qualified — 49 per cent of NDP supporters and 52 per cent of Green voters answered in the affirmative.

The skeptics about his fitness for office include Conservatives, with 67 per cent saying Trudeau lacked what it takes to be PM, as well as middle-income groups; people earning between $60,000 and $80,000 a year.

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Attack ads

Conservative sources have reportedly said that attack ads are set to be launched almost immediately if Justin Trudeau wins the Liberal leadership as expected on April 14. The attacks, the sources said, will cast Trudeau as someone "not ready" to govern.

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Gay slurs shock council

Manitoba town says sorry. But owners of targeted restaurant will close it anyway

ELISHA DACEY
Metro in Winnipeg

Pots N Hands Restaurant owner and chef, Dave Claringbould, outside his Morris, Man., restaurant. Claringbould and his partner are closing their business because of homophobic insults. Claringbould said he and his partner are "very hurt and upset" by the homophobia. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Manitoba town council has issued an open letter condemning recent homophobic slurs toward a local restaurant.

It's "very disappointing" that the slurs against the restaurant, Pots N Hands, have "become an issue in our town," said the council in the Town of Morris, about 70 kilometres south of Winnipeg.

The owners of Pots N Hands, Dave Claringbould and his partner, say they plan to shut down April 13 because of the homophobic slurs by a few locals.

"We were asked if somebody was going to catch something off of the plate because we had prepared the food on it," said Claringbould, 35.

There have been other incidents, too, said Claringbould — although the majority of townspeople have been friendly.

The council's open letter expressed regret that the restaurant would close.

"We as a council along with our CAO, met for lunch at Pots N Hands to show support for this restaurant in our town," says the letter.

"In doing so, we made a public statement as a group that the people who represent Morris support our local businesses regardless of race, belief, and/or sexual orientation …"

The letter added: "This lunch occurred a week ago, and was certainly not the first time any of us had eaten there."

One resident, who asked not to be named, said she is disgusted by the prejudice.

"There's a couple of village-idiot rednecks, young fellas," she said. "When they grow up they'll understand how their vicious tongues can hurt people."

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Cellblock fracas

Officer not guilty of sexual assault

An Ottawa police sergeant has been found not guilty of sexual assault in connection with an incident in which a woman's shirt and bra were cut off while she was in custody at a police cellblock.

Steven Desjourdy could still face discipline under the Police Services Act.

Provincial Court Justice Tim Lipson delivered his ruling Wednesday.

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Dozens dead in Argentina floods

Torrential rains.
Some 2,500 people have been evacuated from their homes, while food supplies could be threatened

Quoted

"Such intense rain in so little time has left many people trapped in their cars, in the streets, in some cases electrocuted."
Buenos Aires Gov. Daniel Scioli

At least 52 people died as flooding from days of torrential rains swamped Argentina's low-lying capital and province of Buenos Aires.

Nearly 50 people died Wednesday in and around the city of La Plata, Gov. Daniel Scioli said. Six deaths were reported a day earlier in the nation's capital. Many people climbed onto their roofs in the pouring rain after storm sewers backed up. Water surged up through drains in their kitchen and bathroom floors, and then poured in over their windowsills.

President Cristina Fernandez arrived by helicopter in Tolosa, a La Plata neighbourhood where she grew up and where her mother was among those evacuated. She announced security measures to combat vandalism, help for identifying the dead, and three days of national mourning for the victims.

She was then surrounded by neighbours. Some hugged and thanked her. Others complained angrily and shouted at her to "go away."

The heaviest rain — almost 400 millimetres in just a few hours, beating historical records for the month of April — hit provincial La Plata overnight.

A day earlier, the capital of Buenos Aires was hit hardest. About 100 millimetres more of rain were expected before the bad weather passes on Thursday, the national weather service said.

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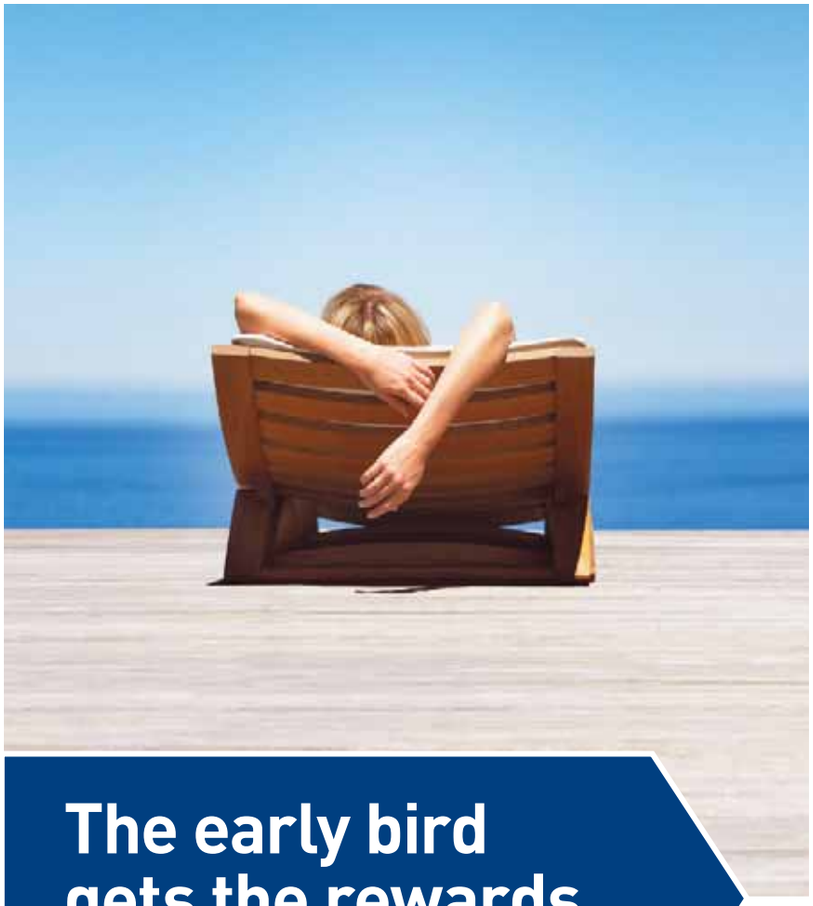

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Scientists find possible hint of dark matter

Space. Discovery could help scientists understand the composition of the universe, galaxies

A $2-billion cosmic ray detector on the International Space Station has found a footprint of something that could be dark matter — the mysterious substance that is believed to hold the cosmos together but has never been directly observed, scientists say.

But the first results from the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, known by its acronym AMS, are almost as enigmatic as dark matter itself.

They show evidence of new physics phenomena that could be the strange and unknown dark matter or could be energy that originates from pulsars, scientists at the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva announced Wednesday.

The results from the detector are significant, because dark matter is thought to make up about a quarter of all the matter in the universe. Unravelling the mystery of dark matter could help scientists better understand the composition of our universe and, more particularly, what holds galaxies together.

Nobel-winning physicist Samuel Ting, who leads the team, told colleagues at the European Organization for Nuclear Research that he expects a more conclusive answer within months about this "unexpected new phenomena." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An artist's rendering of the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer installed on the International Space Station. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Contagious bacteria. Researchers charged in attempted smuggling

Two former federal government scientists are facing charges after one of them was caught trying to smuggle highly contagious bacteria out of the country.

Klaus Nielsen and Wei Ling Yu, both former researchers with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, are charged with breach of trust by a public officer in a scheme to commercialize agency property, the RCMP said in a statement.

Nielsen was caught on his way to the Ottawa airport last October carrying 17 vials of what turned out to be live brucella bacteria that can infect livestock and humans.

Police have not revealed the intended buyers of the material, or where Nielsen was allegedly attempting to transport it. Yu is still at large and a Canada-wide warrant has been issued for her arrest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

China. Early signs show new bird virus likely poses a silent threat

Scientists taking a first look at the genetics of a bird-flu strain that has killed three people in China said Wednesday that the virus could be harder to track than its better-known cousin H5N1 because it might be able to spread among poultry without showing any signs.

The scientists, at several research institutes around the world, urged Chinese veterinary authorities to widely test animals and birds in affected regions to quickly detect and eliminate the H7N9 virus before it becomes widespread.

They said the virus is troubling because it can infect poultry without producing any symptoms, while seriously sickening humans.

The virus, previously known to have infected only birds, appears to have mutated, enabling it to more easily infect other animals, including pigs, which could serve as hosts and spread the virus more widely among humans, they said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Workers unload chicken containers from a truck at a wholesale market on Wednesday in Shanghai. Scientists said the H7N9 virus could be harder to track than its better-known cousin H5N1. EUGENE HOSHIKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gun rights advocates fill the hallways of the Capitol in Hartford, Conn., on Wednesday. Hundreds of gun rights advocates are gathering at the statehouse in Hartford ahead of a vote in the General Assembly on proposed gun-control legislation. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut votes on gun-control measures

Sombre debate. Bill passed the Senate in a 26-10 vote; House was expected to vote later

Connecticut's Senate on Wednesday approved sweeping new restrictions on weapons and large-capacity magazines, a response to last year's deadly Newtown elementary school shooting that would give the state some of the country's tightest gun control laws.

The December massacre of 26 people inside Sandy Hook Elementary School, which reignited a national debate on gun control, set the stage for changes in the state that may have been impossible elsewhere: The governor, who personally informed parents that their children had been killed that day, championed the cause, and legislative leaders, keenly aware of the attention on the state, struck a bipartisan agreement they want to serve as a national model.

"The tragedy in Newtown demands a powerful response, demands a response that transcends politics," said Senate President Donald E. Williams Jr., a Democrat. "It is the strongest and most comprehensive bill in the country." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cracking down on guns

Some of the measures in the Connecticut gun-control package include expansion of the state's assault weapons ban, background checks for all firearms sales, and a ban on the sale or purchase of ammunition magazines holding more than 10 rounds.

Militia case. U.S. soldier charged with killing wife

An American soldier accused of plotting attacks as the leader of a militia group of malcontented Army soldiers was charged by the Army on Wednesday with murder in the 2011 death of his pregnant wife.

Pvt. Isaac Aguigui will face a military hearing to determine if he should be tried by court-martial for the deaths of his wife, Army Sgt. Deirdre Aguigui, and the child they lost in July 2011, Fort Stewart officials in southeast Georgia said.

Months after his wife's death, civilian authorities charged Aguigui and three fellow Fort Stewart soldiers in the shooting deaths of Michael Roark, a former member of their Army unit, and Roark's teenage girlfriend Tiffany York. Prosecutors alleged Aguigui feared they would expose the group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cameron dismissed in Gulf oil spill trial

A U.S federal judge in New Orleans on Wednesday dismissed all remaining claims against the company that made a key safety device for the drilling rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, killing 11 workers and leading to the nation's worst offshore oil spill.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier's ruling means Houston-based Cameron International is no longer a defendant in the first phase of a trial designed to identify causes of BP's well blowout and assign fault to the companies involved.

Barbier said Cameron's only role in the case was making and selling the blowout preventer on the Deepwater Horizon rig.

"Frankly, I've heard no evidence during this trial or seen no evidence to support a finding of negligence against Cameron that could have in any way caused or contributed to the accident," Barbier said, according to a transcript of Wednesday's proceedings.

BP PLC, rig owner Transocean Ltd. and cement contractor Halliburton are the only remaining defendants at the trial, which started Feb. 25.

Barbier said the evidence related to the blowout preventer's role in the disaster has been directed at BP and Transocean, which owned the device.

"These are obviously sophisticated customers," Barbier said. "They specified and selected the type of blowout preventer, the components, the arrangement of the components and made decisions. Whether those decisions in the end were right or wrong or proper or not, they made decisions as to how this blowout preventer would be configured and arranged and its capacity and so forth." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Satisfaction for T.O.

Start them up. Rolling Stones to hit the road again after celebrating 50 years in 2012

Call it satisfaction: The Rolling Stones have announced a nine-city tour that includes a stop in Toronto.

The veteran rockers said Wednesday their 50 and Counting tour will kick off in Los Angeles at the Staples Center. The date will be announced later.

The tour will wind through Toronto's Air Canada Centre on May 25, with tickets going on sale on Monday.

Other stops include Las Vegas, Chicago and Boston, with the tour ending June 18 in Philadelphia.

Former bandmate Mick Taylor, who was a member of the Rolling Stones from 1969 through 1974, will be a special guest throughout the tour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SUV driver hurt. Officer cleared by SIU in crash

Ontario's police watchdog has found a York Region officer was not responsible for injuries sustained by a 19-year-old woman in Toronto.

The Special Investigations Unit says an officer in an unmarked cruiser clocked an SUV driving northbound on Bathurst Street at 89 kilometres per hour in a 60-km zone on Jan. 23.

It says the officer stopped in the centre lane, turned on his emergency lights and was about to make a U-turn when the SUV lost control and ended up at the bottom of a ravine. The driver was taken to hospital and treated for a fractured pelvis, left arm and cheekbone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigation

SIU director Ian Scott says the officer is not responsible for the woman's injuries because she was speeding and lost control when she saw his lights go on.

SIU director. Top police watchdog leaving post

Ontario's top police watchdog is stepping down.

After five years as director of the Special Investigations Unit, Ian Scott will leave the organization this fall.

Scott's office says he'll be stepping down when his mandate ends in October, and a posting for Scott's job went up on the Ontario Public Service website on Wednesday.

The SIU is an arm's-length agency that investigates reports involving police where there has been death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault.

During his time at the helm of the SIU, Scott has clashed with police on a number of occasions, prompting the head of the Toronto police officers' union to call on Scott to step down. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dream roles

Les Mis holding auditions for kids

Children's auditions for the roles of Gavroche and Little Cosette in the upcoming Canadian production of Cameron Mackintosh's Boublil and Schönberg classic Les Misérables will take place on Sunday, April 14 at the Estonian House at 958 Broadview Ave.

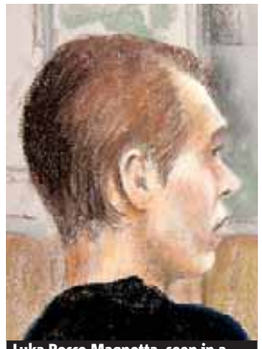
Registration for auditions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. A piano accompanist will be provided. Children are asked to bring their own sheet music, photo and resumé.

This new production of Les Misérables will premiere on October 2013 as part of the 2013-14 Mirvish subscription season.

Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, Les Misérables is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. METRO

Magnotta treated for schizophrenia, court records show

Flashback to 2005. Psychiatrist's letter in fraud case file reveals the accused killer's treatment and hospitalization



Luka Rocco Magnotta, seen in a court drawing, didn't always take his medication, a psychiatrist says. MIKE MCLAUGHLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Luka Rocco Magnotta, accused of killing and dismembering a Chinese student, was treated for paranoid schizophrenia, newly-revealed court documents show.

But his doctor said he didn't always take his medication.

A letter from Magnotta's psychiatrist was attached to the court file of Magnotta's 2005 conviction for fraud in Toronto.

It offers a glimpse into the mind of the man now accused in the gruesome slaying and dismemberment of 33-year-old Jun Lin.

Magnotta, 30, then known by his birth name, Eric Newman, suffered from paranoid schizophrenia since at least 2000 and was hospitalized several times, Dr. Thuraisamy Sooriabalan wrote.

"The treatment consists of taking antipsychotic medications and attending (the) outpatient department for supportive psychotherapy and health education," wrote the doctor based at the Rouge Valley Health System's Centenary site in Toronto.

"Unfortunately Mr. Newman is not very regular in attending the outpatient department and as a result he misses his medications."

The letter was written in May 2005. It was released Wednesday after media outlets fought for it to be made public. THE CANADIAN PRESS

War of words. All systems go for a 'lighter' nuke attack, says North Korea

Military exercises amid the tension: A U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor stealth fighter takes off from an air base south of Seoul, South Korea, on Wednesday. BAE JUNG-HYUN/YONHAP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea is warning Washington that its military has been cleared to wage an attack using "smaller, lighter and diversified nuclear" weapons.

The threat is the latest in a series of escalating warnings from North Korea.

It has railed for weeks against joint U.S. and South Korean military exercises taking place in South Korea and it has expressed anger over tightened sanctions for a February nuclear test.

North Korea said troops have been authorized to counter U.S. aggression with "powerful practical military counteractions."

Pyongyang said that America's ever-escalating hostile policy toward North Korea "will be smashed" by the North's nuclear strike and the "merciless operation" of its armed forces.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon said it will deploy a high-altitude missile defence system to Guam to strengthen the Asia-Pacific region's protections against a possible North Korean attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fish deformities

Oilsands a risk like oil spills?

A top Canadian scientist says there are similarities between fish deformities found downstream from Alberta's oilsands and those observed after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska and Florida's Deepwater Horizon disaster.

David Schindler of the University of Alberta says some chemical or chemicals may be to blame. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wishful Googling?

Google's spring came early

Wiarton Willie's forecast of an early spring may have been wrong, but Google says the groundhog may have been reflecting what we were hoping for.

Google searches for "spring" came early — mid-February. "Spring" searches usually don't start peaking until March, Google says. METRO

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Hydro One buys Norfolk Hydro

Consolidation.
Company considering further acquisitions

Hydro One has spent $93 million to acquire Norfolk Hydro, on the north shore of Lake Erie, in what could be the start of a shopping spree.

The fate of local hydro utilities — most of them still owned by municipalities — has been in question since a provincial advisory panel said in December they should be consolidated into larger units.

There are currently about 75 local hydros across the province; the panel said they should be melded into a dozen or so. If mergers hadn't taken place voluntarily after two years, the panel said the province should consider legislating them.

But energy minister Bob Chiarelli then muddied the waters, saying he won't force any utilities to merge.

Hydro One spokesman Daffyd Roderick said the Norfolk acquisition made sense because Hydro One serves 14,000 customers in the same area already. The company will consider further acquisitions, he said.

Ratepayer gains

"The panel report indicated there are substantial gains to be made for the ratepayer through efficiencies of scale."
Hydro One spokesman Daffyd Roderick

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Norma Schmidt stands in front of wind turbines that she says have ruined her health. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Protesters blame wind turbines for illnesses

Renewable energy.
Area residents say they're tired of being treated as 'receptors'

Norma Schmidt says she's tired of being sick. Ginny Stewart-Love says she's tired of being treated like a statistic.

Both women were among 150 protesters at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre voicing their opposition to wind turbines Wednesday.

Schmidt says illness caused by the turbines has forced her out of her house north of Kincardine. But she can't bring herself to sell the property for fear of the new buyer falling ill.

Stewart-Love said that as a wind turbine neighbour in Grey County she's been assigned a number to track how she's affected by the turbines — she's "receptor 62."

It's shorthand that dehumanizes those who live near the turbines, she told the crowd.

Nearby, another protester held up a sign with a photo of several children and the words: "These are my grandchildren, not receptors."

Ironically, the convention centre's electronic sign flashed a video of a turbine and proudly proclaimed: "This screen powered by Green Renewable Power."

The object of the protest was a conference on renewable energy inside the convention centre.

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Wind industry

Conference organizer Andrew Slavin of Canadian Clean Energy Conferences said in an interview the wind industry still has work to do in winning local acceptance for turbines.

- "There needs to be real proper engagement by the wind industry to make these accepted by the community," he said.
- "If you're somehow engaged — and engaged means probably some sort of financial compensation, and not just for the landowner — then those problems don't exist."

Lack of smoke alarm main factor in case: Fire marshal

East Gwillimbury. Ted Wieclawek was on the defensive explaining the reasons why four family members perished in a house fire

The lack of a main floor smoke alarm — and not a delayed response by firefighters — was the main factor in a house fire that killed four members of a GTA family last week, says the Ontario Fire Marshal.

At a news conference Wednesday morning, Ted Wieclawek downplayed the time it took East Gwillimbury's largely volunteer fire service to respond to a 911 call.

Wieclawek said that by the time the family was aware of the fire and made the call, they were already trapped.

Kevin Dunsmuir, 55, his wife Jennifer, 51, and their sons Robert, 19 and Cameron, 16, died in a second-floor bedroom as they waited for fire crews to arrive.

Jennifer Dunsmuir is believed to have had mobility issues related to a stroke she suffered less than three years ago. They are survived by their oldest son, David, 24, who was out of town when his family's home went up in flames.

Wieclawek said the family had a hard-wired fire protection system with smoke detectors on the second floor and in the basement, but that system was compromised because the fire began in the main floor laundry room.

Smoke travelled up the stairway, he said, giving the family no exit.

Wieclawek confirmed that the East Gwillimbury fire department did not make a call for help from the neighbouring Newmarket fire hall, with which it has a mutual aid agreement.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Damage control

At a press conference Wednesday Ted Wieclawek, Ontario's fire marshal, rebuffed suggestions that response time by firefighters was a factor in the deaths.

- On Saturday the town's fire chief said that five minutes could have been shaved off if they didn't rely on the volunteer system.
- East Gwillimbury operates with a fire department made up largely of volunteers, who needed to drive in from their homes to a fire hall before responding.

Response time

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The tragedy began in the early hours of March 29 when a 911 call was made from within the Dunsmuir home in Sharon, in East Gwillimbury. The response time was 12 minutes.

The death of four family members in this East Gwillimbury house last week has raised tough questions about response times and volunteer firefighters.
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Northwestern Ontario

Oil leak contained after freight train derailment: CP

Canadian Pacific says an oil leak from a freight train that derailed in a remote stretch of northwestern Ontario Wednesday has been contained and poses no risk to the public.

Spokesman Ed Greenberg says two of the 20 or so cars that came off the tracks near the community of White River contained light sweet crude that temporarily leaked.

He says it's believed about four barrels escaped and cleanup procedures are underway.

It was unclear Wednesday afternoon what caused the eastbound train to derail just before 8 a.m. about halfway between Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie.

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Windsor, Ont.

Police officer guilty of sending threatening email to estranged wife

A veteran Windsor, Ont., police officer will face a sentencing hearing next month after he was found guilty of discreditable conduct for sending a threatening email.

After pleading guilty last year to misusing Windsor police letterhead to send a fax to his estranged wife's lawyer, Const. Mark Stock sent an email to his estranged wife.

The email — which read "Thanks for costing me 9 days pay. This will not be forgotten!" was found to be intimidating and threatening.

Hearing officer ruled that Stock was not getting the point and called it troubling.

Stock testified he didn't intend for the email to be threatening. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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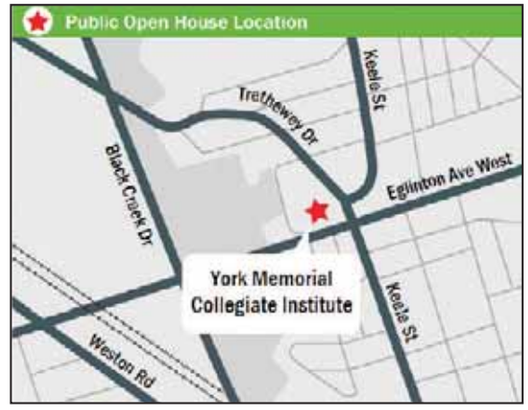

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Palestinian kids attend a class at the UNRWA elementary school in Shati refugee camp in Gaza City, Tuesday.

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Hamas imposes gender separation in schools

Rule denounced.
Legal aid group for women warned the bill 'takes our society back to ancient times'

Starting with the new school year in September, Gaza boys and girls in middle and high school will be breaking the law if they study side by side.

Gaza's Islamic militant Hamas rulers argue that the new legislation, mandating gender separation in schools from age nine, enshrines common practice. But women's activists warned it's another step in the Hamas agenda of imposing its fundamentalist world view on Gaza's 1.7 million people.

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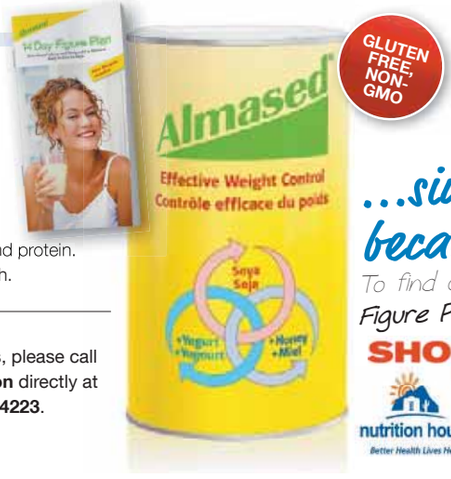

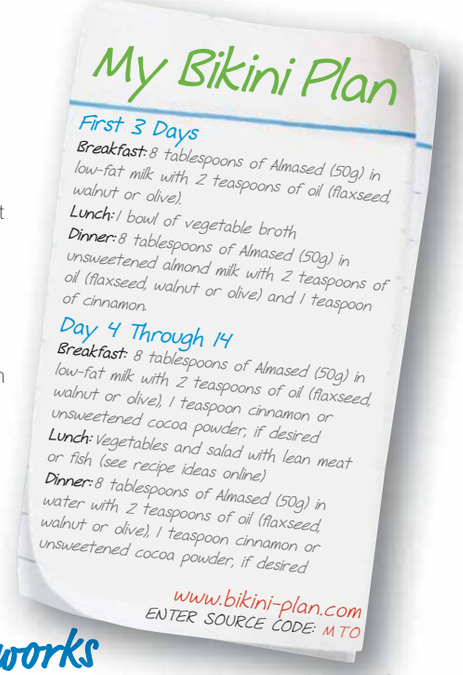
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U.S. Embassy pulls Jon Stewart tweet

Morsi mocked. The Daily Show host calls arrest of Egyptian satirist undemocratic and petty

Bassam Youssef
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Jon Stewart
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It seems The Daily Show and diplomacy don't mix.

The U.S. Embassy in Cairo temporarily shut down its Twitter feed on Wednesday and deleted a tweet linking to a video of The Daily Show, in which host Jon Stewart mocked Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi.

The monologue about the arrest of an Egyptian satirist known as the Jon Stewart of Egypt offended the Egyptian government and sparked an unusual diplomatic incident.

The embassy's Twitter account was deleted — and then restored minus the Stewart post — after Egyptian authorities objected to a tweet that contained a link to Stewart's Monday show in which he joked about the arrest of a high-profile satirist, Bassam Youssef, who has poked fun at Morsi, U.S. officials said.

In the clip tweeted by the embassy, Stewart came to the defence of Youssef and criticized Morsi for his arrest and interrogation as being undemocratic and petty. Youssef has been a guest on Stewart's program.

The Twitter development comes as tensions between Washington and Cairo have soared in recent days over concerns that the Egyptian government is backsliding on the protection of human rights.

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Prison guard pulled teen's hair, cursed at her, Smith inquest hears

Peter Guenther, former executive-director of the Regional Psychiatric Centre in Saskatoon, leaves the Ashley Smith inquest in Toronto on Wednesday. Guenther said he had never seen someone so persistently self-harming as the teen was. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Testimony. Psych centre director who worked with teen recounts alleged prison abuse

A deeply disturbed teenager was moved from a prison psychiatric facility weeks after complaining a supervising guard had assaulted her, an inquest into her death heard Wednesday.

In his evidence, Peter Guenther, former executive-director of the Regional Psychiatric Centre in Saskatoon, said the incident involved a correctional supervisor, John Tarala, in March 2007.

Tarala had intervened to stop Ashley Smith from tying ligatures around her neck.

Guenther told the inquest he learned Smith complained she'd been assaulted by Tarala, claiming she was grabbed, lifted off the ground by her hair and called the "C" word. Smith also alleged Tarala had stepped on her head.

"Regardless of how difficult and challenging this offender's behaviours are, the staff knew that there was nothing that justified an assault or the abuse that is alleged."

In addition, the report notes a nurse who witnessed the incident said Tarala had ordered her to falsify her report.

According to the memo, Tarala offered to resign but Guenther said he could not accept it.

"I asked Mr. Tarala if he was offering his resignation because he had done something wrong and he replied that he had been working long hours and probably did some things that he should not have done," Guenther stated in his memo.

Police were called in and laid criminal charges against Tarala. THE CANADIAN PRESS/WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Teen could admit when guards were right to be forceful: Guenther

"I kicked the officer. Yes, I assaulted her. They did what they needed to do so I would stop."

Ashley Smith, recounting an incident to Peter Guenther during which she kicked, bit and spat on guards.

Regional Psychiatric Centre

Ashley Smith was sent to the custodial forensic psychiatry facility operated by Correctional Service Canada in December 2006 because prison authorities believed she would get intensive mental-health treatment there.

- RPC is the only federal correctional facility that can take female inmates with mental-health issues.
- The inquest has previously heard that prison staff at Nova Institution couldn't cope with her self-harming behaviour.
- Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., choked herself to death in her segregation cell in Kitchener, Ont., in October 2007.

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Cold War thinking. Countries should remove weapons from ready-to-launch status, report says

Dwindling military budgets and the diminished threat of a nuclear war in Europe dictate that the United States and Russia abandon their Cold War mentality and gradually remove some nuclear weapons from ready-to-launch status, according to a report Wednesday.

The study by an international group of political, military and security experts questions the billions of dollars spent by the U.S., Russia and European nations on new nuclear-armed submarines and weapons when those countries are facing cuts and austerity measures.

Citing the current political co-operation among the countries, the report recommends that they work together on missile defence, reduce tactical nuclear weapons in Europe and develop a new strategy.

"Outdated Cold War-era security concepts and their associated weapons and military postures (in particular, mutual assured destruction and nuclear forces on prompt-launch status), continue as if the Berlin Wall had never fallen, producing a dangerous asymmetry between military capabilities and true political partnership," the report said.

Currently, the U.S. and Russia have about 5,000 nuclear weapons each, either deployed or in reserve. Both countries are on track to reduce the deployed strategic warheads to 1,550 by 2018, the number set in the New START treaty that the Senate ratified in December 2010.

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Recommendations

The report highlights improved relations among the U.S., European nations and Russia, which is unlikely to be propelled into a conventional or nuclear war.

- Against that backdrop, the group argues for the U.S. and Russia to take the lead in systematically moving nuclear weapons off high-alert status, a template for France and Britain to follow.

Spain. Princess named as suspect in corruption case

Royal family. News comes following a year of bad health and bad PR for King Juan Carlos

In another blow to Spain's royal family, a court named Princess Cristina, the king's daughter, as a suspect Wednesday in a corruption case involving her husband.

The Palma de Mallorca court announced that the 47-year-old princess will be called in for questioning on April 27. She has not been charged with any offence and faces no restrictions on her freedom. Her husband, Inaki Urdangarin, a lead suspect in the investigation, has also not been charged with any crime.

The court summons is a first for a member of the king's immediate family. The Royal Palace expressed surprise at the judge's decision and would not comment about what the princess' defence will be.

The magistrate said for the investigation to be completed and to show that justice treats all equally, the princess must be questioned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Princess Cristina and her husband Inaki Urdangarin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

West Bank

Israeli army kills protester after riots: Spokesman

Israeli forces shot and killed a teenage Palestinian protester during a clash in the West Bank late Wednesday, according to a Palestinian Red Crescent spokesman. The death raised tensions already heightened by the death of a Palestinian prisoner and renewed fighting between Israel and Gaza militants. The spokesman said a 17-year-old Palestinian was killed in a clash between the Israeli army and Palestinian stone-throwers at a checkpoint near the West Bank city of Tulkarem.
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Salam Fayyad

PM out of hospital

An aide says Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad has been discharged from a West Bank hospital after undergoing two days of tests and treatment.
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Coast of Alabama

Moored cruise ship breaks free in high winds

A disabled Carnival Cruise ship broke free from its mooring in Mobile, Ala. Wednesday afternoon and U.S. Coast Guard officials were searching for a missing shipyard worker whose guard shack was blown into the water.

High winds in the Mobile area likely led to the ship becoming dislodged and the guard shack being blown into the Mobile River, U.S. Coast Guard officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexico

7 ballerinas defect

Seven young members of the National Ballet of Cuba defected last month while on a performing tour in Mexico, an island dance official said Wednesday.

A Cuban exile blog reported that six of the seven subsequently travelled to Miami. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Murder trial near end for Rockefeller impostor

California. Fraudster who tricked wife and kidnapped child charged in 1985 disappearance

The defence and prosecution rested their cases in the murder trial of a notorious Rockefeller impostor Wednesday.

Defendant Christian Gerhartsreiter chose to not testify in his own defence against charges that he killed a San Marino, Calif., man who vanished with his wife in 1985.

The defence cross-examination suggested Sandy Boss, his wife of 12 years, should have known earlier that his life was a lie and he had no relationship to the Rockefeller family.

Boss, who was the breadwinner in the family, said she was earning $1.2 million a year at a management consulting firm in New York and all of it was wired to her bank account, which was controlled by her then husband.

Bones unearthed

The defendant is charged with the murder of John Sohus, whose bones were unearthed decades ago from the yard of a California home where Sohus lived with his wife and mother. Gerhartsreiter, a German immigrant, rented a guest cottage.

- Linda and John Sohus disappeared in 1985. Defence attorneys claim Linda killed her husband.

After their daughter was born in 2001, Boss said she became disenchanted with the man. She told him she wanted a divorce and "he told me if I went ahead with this I would never see my daughter again."

A pretrial ruling barred prosecutors from asking her about his kidnapping of their daughter after their divorce, which sent him to prison in 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian mystery artist dies

Above is a work of Russian street artist Pasha P183, who hid his identity and has been compared to Britain's Banksy. The Teatralnoye Delo theatrical production company announced Wednesday the artist died in Moscow on Monday at the age of 29. 183ART.RU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Berlin, Germany

Soviet bomb near railway defused

A Second World War bomb was defused near Berlin's main railway station on Wednesday after trains were diverted, nearby houses evacuated and flights to the city's main airport briefly disrupted.

The 100-kilogram bomb was found Tuesday evening at a building site near the station, which stands in a relatively sparsely populated area near what used to be the border between West and East Berlin.

Experts decided to defuse the Soviet bomb on the spot.

Tens of thousands of unexploded bombs are believed to still be in the ground, 68 years after the war. The bomb defused Wednesday, though it was in a prominent location, wasn't particularly large or disruptive.

Disposal efforts sometimes require thousands of people to be evacuated. In 2011, a 1.8-ton bomb was discovered in the Rhine river in Koblenz and was defused after 45,000 residents were evacuated — nearly half the city's population. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rio deadly bus crash

Passenger, driver may face charges

A police officer investigating a deadly crash in which a bus plunged from a 10-metre-high viaduct onto one of Rio de Janeiro's busiest thoroughfares said Wednesday he plans to indict the driver and an angry passenger who allegedly fought just before the accident.

Jose Pedro da Costa Silva is quoted by G1, the Internet portal of the Globo television network, as saying he plans to indict both on involuntary homicide charges in the deaths of seven people in Tuesday's crash. Eleven people were injured in the accident, and both the driver and the passenger have been hospitalized.

Survivor Amanda Santana Silva told Globo that a passenger became enraged when the bus driver, after skipping several stops, didn't leave the doors open long enough for him to get off. Silva, a 19-year-old pharmaceutical student, said the passenger jumped the turnstile and struck the driver. Moments later, the bus hurtled off the viaduct. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Couple to be sentenced for fire that killed 6 of 17 kids

Mick Philpott presented himself on reality TV as an amiable rascal with an unorthodox lifestyle and a rambunctious brood — 17 in all, with five women.

Yet the Englishman's ramshackle existence took a horrifying turn when he and his wife set a fire that killed six of their children. Prosecutors said it was an attempt to influence a custody battle that "went disastrously and tragically wrong."

A judge said she would sentence Mick and Mairead Philpott on Thursday for their manslaughter convictions in the May 2012 deaths of the children, aged 5 to 13.

Prosecutors said the couple hatched a plan to start a gasoline-fuelled fire and then rescue the children, pinning blame on Philpott's mistress so he could gain advantage in their child custody battle. The plan went wrong within minutes.

After the fire, the Philpotts made an emotional appeal on TV, with Mick describing how he had battled the flames to try to save his children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Solidarity. Obama cuts his salary

U.S. President Barack Obama will return five per cent of his salary each month to the Treasury in a show of solidarity with federal workers smarting from government-wide spending cuts.

Obama's decision grew out of a desire to share in the sacrifice that government employees are making, a White House official said Wednesday. Hundreds of thousands of workers could be forced to take unpaid leave if Congress does not reach an agreement soon to undo the cuts.

A five per cent cut from the president's salary of $400,000 per year amounts to $1,667 per month.

The White House, after declining for weeks to provide specifics for how the president's own staff had been affected, said Monday that 480 workers on the budget staff had been notified they may have to take days off without pay.

The White House is warning of dire economic consequences from the $85 billion in cuts that started to hit federal programs last month.

The cuts were written into a 2011 deficit-reduction measure as a trigger to force future action. The idea was that lawmakers, eager to avert the consequences of bluntly slashing $1 trillion over a decade, would have no choice but to come together to find smarter ways to reduce federal spending.

But the two parties were at odds over whether more tax revenues were needed as part of the solution, and lawmakers failed to reach an agreement by the March 1 deadline. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hyundai, Kia recalling 1.7M vehicles

Brake-light switch problems. Owners and dealers will be notified and will get free switch replacements

Korean automakers Hyundai and Kia are recalling almost 1.7 million vehicles in the U.S. and Canada to fix problems with brake-light switches.

The recall covers most of the automakers' model lineups from the 2007 through 2011 model years.

Hyundai Canada said about 255,000 vehicles are being recalled in Canada for the problem, while Kia Canada said just over 106,000 of its vehicles are involved in the recall.

According to the website of the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a faulty switch can stop the brake lights from illuminating when drivers press on the pedal.

Also, the cruise control may not turn off when a driver steps on the brake, push-to-start buttons may not work and a feature that stops the driver from shifting out of park without a foot on the brake may fail.

"Failure to illuminate the stop lamps during braking or inability to disengage the cruise control could increase the risk of a crash," NHTSA said in the documents.

Spokesmen said Wednesday that there haven't been any crashes or injuries due to the problem.

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About 361,000 cars are being recalled in Canada. NAM Y. HUH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Late 2013. Apple to launch 60-inch 'iTV,' controlled by ring, analyst says

It's no secret that Apple wants to get into the living room by making its own TV set, and there have been plenty of rumours and reports about how and when it's going to happen.

Now, an analyst says he's learned that the set will go on sale late this year for $1,500 to $2,500 US.

In a research note Wednesday, Brian White of Topeka Capital Markets says the "iTV" will be 60 inches on the diagonal but could also come in 50- and 55-inch versions. Apple will also release a small "iRing" that fits on the viewer's finger, allowing the user to control the screen by pointing, White says.

In addition, the set will come with tablet-like "mini iTVs" with 9.7-inch screens, the same as the full-size iPad, White said. The iTV will be able to send video to the smaller screens wirelessly around the house. The concept is similar to the way in which cable and satellite TV companies are starting to let their set-top boxes send video to iPads and other tablets.

White says his report is based on gleanings from visits with unnamed Chinese and Taiwanese companies that supply Apple with components.

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More Canadians tuning out of TVs, report says

The number of "tuned out" Canadians, those who don't subscribe to conventional TV, has doubled in recent years and now represents eight per cent of the population, suggests a new report.

Since 2007, a steady four per cent of Canadians surveyed by the Media Technology Monitor reported they were tuned out.

Tuned-out Canadians either didn't have a TV set, only used it to watch VHS, DVDs or Blu-rays, or streamed digital content rather than paying for a TV plan. They tended to be younger, highly educated and major users of the Internet, says MTM.

In the recent fall survey, about 49 per cent were aged between 18 and 34, and 51 per cent had a university education. Tuned-out Canadians spent 20 hours a week surfing the web compared to the 15.4 hours TV subscribers were online.

MTM noted the numbers of tuned-out Canadians started to rise in 2011, after those who were receiving analog over-the-air signals for free were forced to transition to a digital signal or lose access to the channels they were picking up by antenna. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A report suggests those tuning out tend to be young, educated. GETTY IMAGES

Oil report

Poor pipelines cost producers billions

A new report estimates Canada is losing billions of dollars in unrealized revenues because of its inability to get oil efficiently to foreign markets. CIBC economists project that the country will continue to lose an average of $15 billion a year from the price differential between world oil prices and what its producers get for shipments mostly to the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wedding invitations

Paperless Post going with paper

Paperless Post has defied its digital business model before. Now the online invitation and card startup is taking it a step further. The company launched Paper by Paperless Post after customers requested a way to get its ecards on paper. Now Paperless is teaming up with Crane & Co. to print wedding invitations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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John Mazerolle
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"If a meteor ... a mile wide were to hit land, it could form a crater and blow enough dust into the stratosphere to block out the sun and affect crops worldwide for a year, (a NASA scientist) said." — Meteor Sighting Unusual, But Space Debris is Common, the Washington Post

"The government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been accused of silencing scientists on a number of subjects, particularly environmental science." — Watchdog to Study Policies That "Muzzle" Government Science, The Canadian Press

Ring! Ring!

PMO: Prime Minister's Office. How can we help you become self-reliant?

CSA: This is the Canadian Space Agency. A massive meteor is headed for Canada. We have to tell people before it's too late!

PMO: Oh my God. Let me get this straight: You work for the Harper Government, and you're telling me you want to talk directly to the people? The chances are astronomical!

CSA: Uh. Yes.

PMO: As you know, the Harper Government will have to approve any statements.

CSA: The meteor is about a mile wide, could instantly kill hundreds of thousands, then starve billions when the sun is blocked. So we'll need—

PMO: I'm just going to go ahead and stop you right there. We need a different message.

CSA: What?

PMO: I've been around long enough to know that your message will turn off most demographics. Frankly, it's very negative and promotes fear.

CSA: Doesn't that mean it's perfect?

PMO: During an election campaign, sure. But right now it detracts from our promise of a "strong stable majority." Some MPs would cry. Others would run. Does that sound strong and stable? And I don't even want to think about what some of the religious backbenchers will say if they find out the world is ending.

CSA: It's going to hit in six hours! This is no time for politics.

PMO: It's always time for politics. If a big rock hits Canada on our watch and we did nothing to stop it, the Opposition will have a field day, sudden lack of fields notwithstanding. So we'd prefer you kept this one hush-hush. Unless you can blame it on Trudeau.

CSA: People are going to die!

PMO: How many?

CSA: Depending on the computer model, between 500,000 and two million.

PMO: Ah, so there's a debate even among scientists. No consensus.

CSA: It's still lots of people!

PMO: Where?

CSA: Based on its trajectory, mostly in the Greater Toronto Area.

PMO: I'm hanging up.

CSA: No wait! How about this? What if the Harper Government took credit for the meteor?

PMO: Hmmm ... the Conservative government that destroyed Toronto. I'm listening.

CSA: Not only that: We can also "explain" that the ash kicked up from the explosion is why you were never concerned about global warming in the first place.

PMO: Won't the ash destroy a lot of the environment?

CSA: That's because the Conservative's environmental plan, uh, "seeks to reduce inefficiencies in nature." We find places where 10 birds are doing a job that five birds could be doing!

PMO: Now you're getting it!

CSA: Can we tell people now?

PMO: Can we brand it The Harper Government "Rocks"?

CSA: It's the end of the world as we know it and I feel queasy.

PMO: You get used to it.

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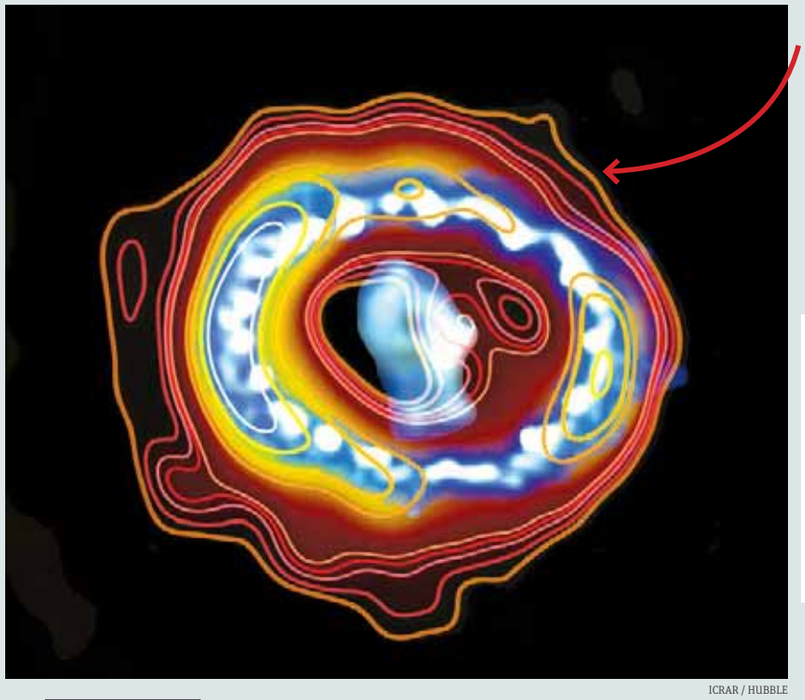
The death star, like never before



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Death of star in highest detail

Scientists have studied the death of a star in the highest ever detail. Astronomers led by the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR) in Western Australia have revealed new images of Supernova 1987A, whose demise was first spotted over 25 years ago. METRO

A star is born?

- In 1987, astronomers observing the Large Magellanic Cloud, a nearby dwarf galaxy, noticed the sudden appearance of what looked like a new star but soon realized it was the end of a star — the brightest supernova ever seen from Earth.

Scientists now seek star's centre

Scientists study the evolution of supernovae into supernova remnants to understand the interaction of the star's blast with its surrounding environment.

They suspect a compact source or pulsar wind nebula — remnants of an old star — to be in the centre of the radio emission, implying that the supernova explosion did not make the star collapse into a black hole. METRO

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Dr. Giovanna Zanardo of ICRAR

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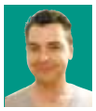
From Laura's Cow to fame

Metro Youth Opera.
Young singer's company celebrates its third season



BACKSTAGE PASS
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Like most grads, Kate Applin was at a crossroads when school finished. Five years at Wilfrid Laurier yielded a music degree and an opera diploma yet, "I didn't know what happened between training and becoming a professional," she says. "How do you get from one end to another?"

At 25, Applin had already spent more than half of her life preparing for a career as a professional opera singer, something that usually kicks in around the age of 30.

"The most important thing to be a better performer is to perform more, so I made that opportunity available."

That opportunity is Metro Youth Opera. Founded by Applin, the small opera company celebrates its third season of performances this weekend with eight singers performing three different shows.

During their post-university years, most singers audition for Young Artists' Programs, the last stop between professional success or failure. Applin says she "wasn't ready" for those auditions but she was keen to build on the momentum she'd already created for herself.

Throughout grade school Applin spent up to 10 hours a week in rehearsals with the Canadian Children's Opera Company; she recalls her supportive parents driving her and her sister to rehearsals on Boxing Day. Summers were similarly jammed with camps, programs and rehearsals.

"A lot of your social time is spent with people also in the organization," she recalls.

University was a bigger challenge; living in dorms in her first year Applin often begged-off from social events, instead spending most of her time in the music department. "But it was fun," she says. "You were there with people who also loved what they were doing."

She still plans to make the next step and begin auditions for a Young Artists' Program, but right now she splits her time between managing a music school and "loving the company."

Metro Youth Opera 2013 Season — April 5, 7:30 p.m., April 7, 2:30 p.m. Centre for Creative Living, the Crescent School, 2365 Bayview Ave. metroyouthopera.ca.

Kiddie opera

From Grade 5 on, Applin spent much of her spare time rehearsing with the Canadian Children's Opera Company, the only permanent such ensemble in the country blending music with drama. "That's the joy of opera," she says. Anyone looking to forge a career similar to Applin's might want to check out the CCOC's open house Friday, with open auditions for the company's production of Laura's Cow taking place on Saturday at First Unitarian Congregation on St. Clair Avenue. Check canadianchildrensopera.com for more details.

Kate Applin started the Metro Youth Opera to create work opportunities while waiting for her professional opera career to begin. RENE STACKENBORG

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- Elizabeth G. 30
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Jane Levy gets gruesome in horror heroine role

Evil Dead. Facing relentless blood baths and being buried alive was all in a day's work for actress

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Jane Levy wants to make one thing clear: "I'm not a horror fan," she says. Well, for a non-fan she's picked a doozy of a horror film to be in: Evil Dead, Fede Alvarez's remake of Sam Raimi's cult classic debut. In this update, we still have five kids going to a cabin in the woods and inadvertently unleashing a demonic spirit after reading from an evil, enchanted book. Only this time, instead of being on Spring Break the co-eds are out in the woods to help Levy's Mia withdraw from heroin. Thanks to updates in both practical and digital effects, the new film reaches a gruesomeness level that's truly attention-grabbing.

Have you been finding this movie easy to talk about in interviews?
What's good is we're all excited about it actually, and I think we're all really proud of it. So it's nice to talk about stuff that you're proud of. It's so painful when both (the actor and the interviewer) are like, "We know it sucks, so why are we here?"

It's nice to see a horror movie handle the credibility questions of plot so well, like why these kids would go to this creepy remote cabin in the woods in the first place.
Yeah, I don't know if I would ... I was going to say if I was going to withdraw from heroin I don't know if I'd go to the middle of the forest, but some people would! I like that theme because it also becomes a metaphor for the whole story, and also because it makes for good drama. You sort of understand everyone's point of view, and I think that's the best kind of play or movie or television show or piece of literature, when every character's argument is right. Mia's right, there is something in the f—ing woods! But they're right to not trust her. The only person who isn't much right is Eric (Lou Taylor Pucci) for reading from the book. It's all his fault.

There are some differences between this one and the original. Did you watch it for research?
I watched the original, but only after I'd gotten the job. I'd never even heard of the Evil Dead when I went out for this movie. I'd heard of Sam Raimi. I mean, Spider-Man was my generation. The first one came out when I was, like, 12 or something.

What did you think of some of the more horrific elements when you were reading the script?
When I was reading it I thought it would be so much fun! Little did I know that it's torturous. But I remember reading it and being like, "Oh my God, this is the horror of all horrors. It's just relentless, it never stops. And when you think it's gotten to its peak it's just going to keep going." When I was reading it I thought it was almost funny. It just becomes so terrible that you have to laugh. But I wasn't laughing when I was making it, that's for sure.

Jane Levy stars in Evil Dead, which opens Friday. HANDOUT

Buried memories

Jane Levy dishes on the worst parts of making the Evil Dead — and it wasn't being forced to wear special contact lenses.

- The contacts were OK. There were so many bad things that at a certain point you just get used to it, but I think being buried alive was probably the hardest. It takes a lot of power to get your mind to feel like you're not going to die, you know?

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Carrey takes aim at gun lobbyists in op-ed

Controversy. Star criticized for Charlton Heston parody

Jim Carrey has spoken out again in favour of gun control, even as he says that critics have heaped hatred upon him and his family.

The 51-year-old comic actor, born and raised near Toronto, has written a new op-ed for the Huffington Post in which he urges further gun control measures and takes aim at critics who have attacked him for his position.

Carrey found controversy last week after issuing a Funny or Die video satirizing the gun lobby with an unflattering impression of late actor and former National Rifle Association president Charlton Heston. In the clip, he trilled a song called Cold Dead Hand. Meanwhile, he posted combative messages about the gun lobby's resistance to regulation on Twitter.

In his op-ed, he argues that recent mass shootings should be "an invitation for us to become more civilized and deal with our addiction and entitlement to violence."

Carrey says he is not asking any Americans to surrender their right to bear arms, but is concerned about the "type of arms" and the "easy access" to the weapons. "I disagree wholeheartedly with those who say that there are just too many guns out there to control and that more gun laws won't make a difference," he writes.

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Jim Carrey has waded into the gun debate. GETTY IMAGES

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Hannibal keeps a sense of murderous style

New series. Director David Slade stays on to help create a mood on the new series based on famous character

CHRIS ALEXANDER
Metro World News

The new series Hannibal is the brainchild of Heroes writer Bryan Fuller, who brings his manic energy and dedicated vision to the show and has, for his director, a man who is no stranger to horror: David Slade, helmer of the stylized vampire classic 30 Days of Night. He was brought on to direct the pilot but stayed on to ensure the style of Hannibal remained consistent in tone ... and in darkness.

"The usual process with a director on a pilot is that the producers hire him, he does the job, they kick him out, they get a royalty," Slade told us.

"But here I stayed on. They brought me in, embraced my ideas and we created a look and a sound and they kept me here to maintain it. It's a family and I'm totally dedicated to this show."

The Hannibal crew may be a family, but it is decidedly not a family show. Rather, it pushes the boundaries on just how much blood and horror can be allowed on American network television. Bullets tear flesh, blades open wounds, violently dispatched bodies in all manner of decay litter morgues and in the second episode, men and women are buried alive, their flesh then used to grow edible fungus. It's a nasty piece of work indeed. Laurence Fishburne, who stars in Hannibal, is no stranger to on-screen television gore, having served time in the hit series CSI, but he insists the murders here are even more devious.

"The funny thing about CSI was that they were always trying to find interesting, weird, unexpected ways in which people had died," he says, "and in this show, they have a little more license. Now they want creative ways in which people are murdered. There's a creative flair here. In CSI it was all accidents and murderers but this is serial killers, every week, people with dramatic bravado."

With the success of such programs as AMC's The Walking Dead, HBO's True Blood and Showtime's Dexter kicking down the gates for what sort of visceral violence can be shown in prime time television, the ample gruesomeness in Hannibal might cause some alarm in more sensitive viewers and will no doubt court some controversy. But Fishburne is adamant that the violence is a necessary evil to add gravitas to the program's intensity.

Hannibal airs tonight on City.

The art of the kill

"Now they want creative ways in which people are murdered. There's a creative flair here."

Laurence Fishburne
Who plays the head of the FBI's behavioural science unit in Hannibal.

Join City for dinner and invite over Dr. Hannibal Lecter. HANDOUT

Changing of the guard

Fallon, Michaels to team up on new Tonight Show

NBC on Wednesday announced its long-rumoured switch in late night, replacing incumbent Jay Leno at The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon and moving the iconic franchise back to New York.

Saturday Night Live producer Lorne Michaels will take over as producer of the new Tonight Show. Fallon's replacement at 12:35 a.m. was not named, although Seth Meyers of SNL is considered a strong candidate. The move had been widely reported but not confirmed by the network until Wednesday. NBC reportedly just wrapped up negotiations with Fallon.

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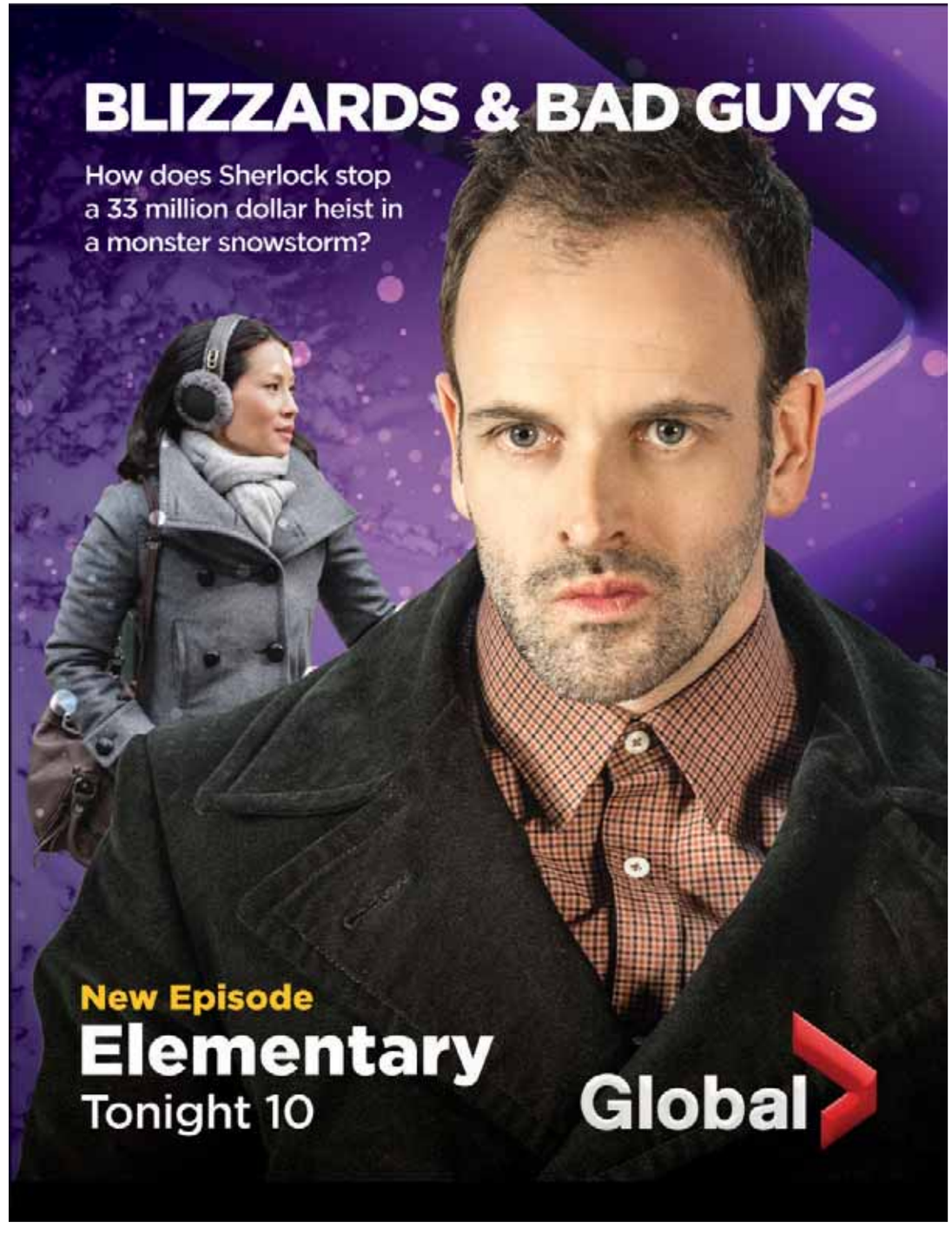

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Beyoncé. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Beyoncé brushes off latest round of criticism

Beyoncé has heard what her critics have to say — particularly about her decision to name her new tour the Mrs. Carter Show — and she's just going to ignore them.

"I guess I am a modern-day feminist," she muses to British Vogue. "Why do you have to choose what type of woman you are? Why do you have to label yourself anything? I'm just a woman, and I love being a woman."

As for taking husband Jay-Z's last name for her tour?

"I feel like Mrs. Carter is who I am, but more bold and more fearless than I've ever been," she says.

David Beckham

Beckham wants a normal life for his kids

Despite being possibly the most famous man in the world, David Beckham is desperate for his four kids to have a normal a life as possible — even though that can be pretty tricky sometimes.

"My eldest now is at the age where he wants to do things and go to places, and we have to hold him back," Beckham tells CNN World Sport about 14-year-old Brooklyn.

"You have to explain to him that there are certain things he can't do. But to be honest, we let our children do 99 per cent of the things they want to do because we want them to lead a normal life."

The Word

Glee trying to put on a brave face amidst latest scandal

THE WORD
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It's been a week of shake-ups for the cast of Glee.

First, it was announced that main cast member Cory Monteith was admitted to rehab on Monday morning for a substance abuse problem and now it looks like Heather Morris, who portrays the ditzy cheerleader Brittany on the hit show, is pregnant.

Us Weekly broke the news that the 26-year-old is expecting a baby with her longtime boyfriend Taylor Hubbell. "She's a little more than three months along and starting to show," the source tells Us Weekly. "It was totally unexpected, but they are incredibly happy and excited."

Keep her off the dance numbers, Glee!

Chris Brown

Chris Brown feels bad for Bieber

Chris Brown feels Justin Bieber's pain.

When asked during an interview with radio station Power 105.1 how he copes with paparazzi attention, Brown says: "It's sort of like what Justin Bieber's going through right now... Being young, having a limitless amount of income, whatever you want to do as a young guy, and then at the same time you don't have nobody that's going to say, 'Hey bro, you look wack right now.'"

Brown is particularly worried Bieber's friends — like rapper Lil Twist — will get an undue amount of blame for any of the pop star's troubles.

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@ABFalecbaldwin
Am I really 55? Wow. Like.....wow. Doesn't seem real.

@NiallOfficial
Morning. ! This is it ! I'm goin to the dentist! I think this is my last hour with braces! Oh how I'm gona miss them ! Naaaaaaat !

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Ain't no sunshine, but there is style

Spring collections should be the main storyline, but it's as cold as ever outside. So rather than freezing your legs off trying to wear that flimsy dress, take a few cues from the autumn/winter shows that just wrapped up earlier this month.

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Soft pinks

On the runway: Unique

Whistles jacquard trousers, $206, whistles.co.uk

Topshop mix stitch pink jumper, $72, topshop.com

Houndstooth

On the runway: Rag & Bone

Houndstooth scarf $40, zara.com

By Malene Birger Sarafina trousers, $395, netaporter.com

Navy and black

On the runway: Jil Sander

Jil Sander Navy skirt, $660 stylebop.com

Acne Ava black top, $250, acnestudios.com

The full skirt

On the runway: Rochas

ASOS midi skirt, $68, asos.com

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The biz of dressing the bump

Where's Kim running to? Perhaps to find the nearest footrest for those overworked ankles.
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Fashion. Never mind comfort, Kim Kardashian's maternity wardrobe is an exercise in branding

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

Just when you thought her maternity choices couldn't look any more uncomfortable, Kim Kardashian goes shopping in a body-con dress, its leather stretched to the absolute limit, and stilettos — an outfit that would make even the average, un-pregnant woman look like she's trying too hard. But before we get into Mother Kimye's pregnancy wear, let's establish this fact:

1. The Kardashians are unbeatable at the game of being famous for being famous.
2. The Kardashians have been known to mine their personal lives for reality TV and publicity in general.
3. Kim is a Kardashian.

Now that we've gotten that out of the way, let's look at that leather. The tighter the squeeze around Kim's bump and the higher the heels, the more we talk about it. It's a pop culture moment that advances the plot line of Kim's celebrity as clearly as an episode of Keeping Up with the Kardashians.

The average pregnant woman dresses for comfort. But increasingly, the average famous pregnant woman dresses strategically as the bump becomes another opportunity for personal branding (Jessica Simpson), record sales (Beyoncé) and public obsession (Miranda Kerr). Yes, Kim claims that flats hurt her back and that heels are the most comfortable shoe for her to wear. But the tape wrapped around her feet says otherwise. It's not hard to imagine the ways she'll push this idea further as her final trimester approaches. What next? Hot pants and a bustier? Somewhere, her marketing team is probably taking notes.

We can't deny Kim looks beautiful, but would she give us a bigger smile if we threw her a pair of jogging pants? CHRIS MCKAY / WIREIMAGE

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Halifax

Sarah Nussbaumer

Hedge fund administrator

Age: 25

What she's wearing
Top Shop coat, Rebecca Minkoff bag, French Connection headband, gloves from Florence Levi's jeans, Steve Madden boots.

Her inspiration
"I love to wear classic and feminine silhouettes with pieces that have a bit of edge and playfulness."

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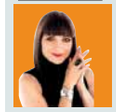

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RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

Men, it's time to down the winter woolly pulleys and get your wardrobe in spring holiday mode. First, remember it's spring, not summer. So you're going to need some layers: a sweater, jacket and yes, some chinos. Secondly, you've got to get the luggage right. You're packing for a weekend break not a picnic. So pop the day bag away and, yes, that enormous backpacking rucksack.

Cutler and Gross

Circular lens sunglasses, $548, ln-cc.com.

Christopher Shannon

Kidda T-shirt with flag print, $119, asos.com.

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Slim leg Roc chinos, $231, my-wardrobe.com.

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Canvas espadrilles, $115, mrporter.com.

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Classic clasp swimshort in Corbusier red, $220, chucs.com.

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Mitchell cagoule, $495, orlebarbrown.com.

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Zip front hoody, $182, sunspel.com.

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Salsa Air Carrera blue multiwheel cabin, $475, rimowa.com.

Ladies, we're here for you!

Spring is here, even if it doesn't quite feel like it yet.

But for those of you brave enough to pack away your clunky boots, head online to Trendscaping and take a look at this season's latest in high-end fashionable footwear and decide which style you will splurge on to step into spring.

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Cookbook of the Week

Tasty way to health

Forget those diets that never work and get healthy with the help of Meghan Telpner's book UnDiet.

Not only does it feature practical nutrition information, a complete eight-week transition program, lifestyle advice from experts and a comprehensive meal plan, but also 40 easy and delectable gluten-free recipes.

Among the recipes in UnDiet are Bean and Vegetable Burgers, Lemon Lentil Vegetable Soup, Orange-Zest Infused Stew, Almond Power Cookies, Sun-Dried Tomato and Bean Hummus, and more. METRO

Wrap up a burst of flavours

"If you make extras to take for lunch the next day," writes Meghan Telpner of these Veggie Rice Wraps in her book UnDiet, "store in an airtight container with a slightly damp cloth or paper towel to help keep the rice wraps moist."

1. Soak one piece of rice paper in warm water until soft. Carefully remove, allow excess water to drain, and lay out on flat surface.

2. Arrange veggies in a row along centre of rice paper. Add greens last (and eggs, if using).

Veggie Rice Wraps

This recipe serves 4 as a side or 2 as a meal. CATHERINE FARQUHARSON

On first few attempts, fewer veggies will be easier to roll.

3. Leave about 1-inch (4 cm) at both ends and carefully roll the wrap up, leaving long edges open. You'll take care of those with the second piece of rice paper.

4. Soak and drain a second piece of rice paper, and lay out on flat surface.

5. Place roll along centre of second piece of rice paper, folding end edges in first and then roll in remaining sides.

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Ingredients

- 8 sheets rice paper
- 1 avocado, peeled and sliced lengthwise
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1/2 red bell pepper, sliced lengthwise
- 1/2 red apple, peeled and sliced into matchsticks
- 4 inches (10 cm) cucumber, sliced into long strips
- 1 (250 ml) cup baby spinach
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) cabbage, shredded
- 4 sprigs cilantro
- 2 organic eggs, whisked in a bowl, cooked as an omelet, then sliced into thin strips (optional)

Berry Fruit Crumble

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Mix fruit, raw honey and arrowroot, and spread into an 11- x 9-inch (2.5 L) glass baking dish. Flatten mixture with a spatula, making sure it is evenly spread.

2. In a medium mixing bowl, combine all topping ingredients, then crumble evenly over fruit mixture. If fruit doesn't look completely covered, add additional flour, almonds, or oats until surface is covered. Bake for 45 minutes, or until lightly browned and bubbling.

Ingredients

Fruit Bottom
- 2 cups (500 ml) each blueberries and strawberries, quartered
- 2 cups (500 ml) apple, cubed
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) raw honey
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) arrowroot starch

Crumble Topping
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) brown rice flour
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) rolled oats
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) cup sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) raw honey
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) coconut oil
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) cinnamon
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This recipe serves 4 as a meal and 6 as a side dish. CATHERINE FARQUHARSON

One-Pot Stir-fry wonder

"With any stir-fry ... try to cut all your veggies about the same size so they cook evenly," writes Meghan Telpner in her book UnDiet. "Watch out for when ingredients are added in with one-pot meals; some are added later, depending on cooking time."

1. In a large skillet on medium, heat oil and a little water, and add turmeric, garlic, and ginger. Let cook for 1 minute or until fragrant.

2. Add all vegetables except leafy greens and stir. Add sesame oil, raw honey, and tamari, and sauté for 8 minutes, until the veggies are vibrant.

3. Push veggies to the edge of the frying pan and pour eggs into the middle opening. Allow to cook undisturbed for about 2 minutes. Mix together. If using tofu, add to pan, stir into the mix and let cook 3 - 4 minutes.

4. Add greens and let them wilt in the heat.

5. Add sea salt and cayenne to taste.

6. Serve vegetable mixture on top of grains or mixed greens.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) water, as needed, to avoid sticking
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) turmeric
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 inches (5 cm) ginger root, peeled and minced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) red pepper, sliced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) carrot, grated or thinly peeled
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) each of coarsely chopped broccoli florets, broccoli stems, cauli flower, purple cabbage, and zucchini
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sesame oil
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) raw honey
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) tamari (or to taste)
- 4 organic eggs or 1/2 block of firm organic tofu, cubed
- 3 cups (750 ml) collards or greens of choice
- sea salt and cayenne to taste
- 2 cups (500 ml) leftover grains (optional)

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ORAL HEALTH

Thursday, April 4, 2013

Maintaining good oral health includes keeping your teeth free from cavities and preventing periodontal disease, which has been linked to several other diseases. FIONLINE/THINKSTOCK

Healthy teeth equals healthy living

TERESA CHIYKOWSKI
For Metro

Did you know that oral health is not only important to your appearance and sense of well-being, but also to your overall health?

It's true.

Problems such as missing teeth or oral infections can affect your physical and mental health. That's all the more reason to practise good oral hygiene and look after those healthy pink gums and dazzling pearly whites.

Smile

- Visit hc-sc.gc.ca to download a copy of Smile: Healthy Teeth, Healthy Body. The publication will help you better understand the link between oral health and overall health, help you establish an effective oral health plan, and ensure you have information about the risks and symptoms of oral cancer.

Maintaining good oral health includes keeping your teeth free from cavities and preventing periodontal disease, which has been linked to several other diseases including:

Diabetes: People with diabetes are more susceptible to gum disease, which can put them at greater risk of diabetic complications.

Respiratory illness: The same bacteria found in plaque can also be inhaled into the lungs where they may cause an infection or aggravate any existing lung condition, especially in older adults.

Preterm, low birth-weight babies: Studies are also examining whether pregnant women with gum disease may be at a higher risk of delivering preterm, low birth-weight babies than women without gum disease.

Cardiovascular disease: There is new research that points to a possible connection between gum disease and heart disease and stroke.

Brush up with these tips

1. Brush your teeth at least twice a day.
2. Floss daily to remove plaque between your teeth.
3. Replace your toothbrush every three to four months.
4. Use an antimicrobial mouth rinse to reduce bacteria in your mouth.
5. Schedule regular dental checkups.
6. Eat a healthy diet according to Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide.
7. Watch for signs of oral disease and contact your dentist if you detect anything out of the ordinary.

To learn more about dental care, visit the Canadian Dental Association website at cda-adc.ca.

If you pay a little extra attention to daily oral hygiene habits when children are young, they can grow up cavity-free. NEWS CANADA

Children. Daily habits to grow up with

Even today, with advancements in oral care, it is estimated that 57 per cent of kids aged six to 11 have cavities. This number increases to 59 per cent for teenagers.

Specialists tell us, however, that if we pay just a little extra attention to daily oral hygiene habits, all children can grow up cavity-free. The care you teach them now will last a lifetime, so take a look at these helpful tips:

Twelve to 24 months

Begin regular dental visits by age one. Teach a toddler about dental hygiene when the first teeth come through. Children should get used to holding a toothbrush and should watch others as they brush. Let them practise brushing, but continue brushing their teeth for them. Begin flossing when most of the baby teeth are in.

Two to five years

Teach young children to use no more than a pea-size amount of toothpaste and make sure they do not eat it. Continue to brush and floss their teeth for them. Avoid sugary sweet treats.

Six and older

Encourage children to begin flossing. Your dental hygienist will demonstrate proper technique. Continue to supervise brushing and flossing. The surface of your child's permanent molars may be sealed with a light coating to prevent cavities in the deep fissure and grooves of the teeth.

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Ontario is now the last province in Canada where dental assistants are not a regulated health profession. This means that dentists can hire people without formal education to do the work of dental assistants. Dental assistants take radiographs, are responsible for infection control and may perform other intra-oral duties.

The Ontario Dental Assistants Association (ODAA), the certifying body for Ontario dental assistants feels this is a matter of public safety. Dental patients have the right to know that everyone working in a dental office is educated and formally trained.

We believe that regulations will happen for Ontario dental assistants one day. Until then, to protect your family, ask if ODAA-certified dental assistants are working in your dentist's office. At least, that's one good reason to smile.

A message from the Ontario Dental Assistants Association, the certifying body for Ontario Dental Assistants for over 40 years.

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A baby's first teeth are crucial to healthy adult teeth. RYAN MCVAY/LIFESIZE/THINKSTOCK

Early lessons can take a bite out of later problems

Baby's first teeth are crucial to healthy adult teeth, so be aware that early childhood cavities can lead to much bigger oral health issues later in life.

We don't usually associate cavities or gum disease with infants, but, in reality, oral diseases can begin very early. For example, early childhood caries is a form of severe tooth decay in the primary (baby) teeth of children from birth to age three. It affects more than 10 per cent of preschool-aged children in Canada, but parents can reduce the risk by following these simple care tips with your little one:

- Be a good role model. Keep your own teeth and gums healthy.
- Wipe baby's mouth and gums with a clean, wet cloth or piece of gauze after feeding.
- Gently clean newly erupted teeth with a small, soft toothbrush.
- Avoid fruit punches and other sweetened drinks in baby bottles, especially before bed.
- Reduce the frequency of nighttime feedings.
- Use only pacifiers with an orthodontic design, and don't dip it in sugary substances.
- Avoid transfer of your saliva onto items used by baby, including bottles, cups, pacifiers. Bacteria spreads.
- Rinse baby's mouth with clear water immediately after any liquid medication is given.
- Check for early warning signs by lifting up baby's top lip. White, chalky teeth or brown or black stained teeth indicate a problem. Contact your dental professional immediately.
- Gradually introduce fresh fruits and vegetables to the diet. These foods, which require chewing, stimulate saliva flow and help to neutralize acids.
- Begin regular dental visits by age one.

More tips and information about oral health care are available at cdha.ca.

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Look for the seal

- From toothbrushes to mouthwashes, oral care products bearing the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) Seal of Recognition have been reviewed by the CDA and have demonstrated specific oral health benefits. For a list of oral health products recognized by the CDA, visit cda-adc.ca.

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Meet the condo

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As President and CEO of BILD, I often get the privilege of representing more than 1,400 member companies and their customers at key meetings and events that deal with building quality and complete communities in the GTA. This week was no exception as I got to sit down with City of Toronto Chief Planner Jennifer Keesmaat to talk city building at one of her roundtable discussions.

I was joined by 10 other panellists who represented the city's planning, engineering and transit divisions, the commercial development sector, the academic sector and more. The topic of conversation focused on the next generation of suburbs in the City of Toronto and the challenges and opportunities of helping them thrive.

I explained to the group that the demographics in our suburbs are changing as 100,000 new residents move to the GTA every year — many of whom choose to live in Toronto's suburban areas. As builders and developers, it is our job to create healthy, complete communities that offer its residents easy access to their places of work.

We have to consider the creation of 50,000 jobs close to where people live because that's one of the best ways to keep the city and the region sustainable and economically viable. That means moving away from single-purpose business parks to mixed-use communities while preserving designated employment lands.

Equally important is improving our region's transit infrastructure. BILD is supportive of Metrolinx's regional transportation plan, The Big Move, and we believe any investment must be targeted to support jobs and economic development. Our industry is already doing its part, contributing $1 billion worth of development charges for the construction of essential, growth-related public infrastructure just last year alone. We are in need of a solid transit plan, and that's something that goes beyond the suburbs and across the entire region.

To learn more about the roundtable discussion, you can check out the short summary videos which will be posted on the City's roundtable website by visiting toronto.ca/planning/chiefplannerroundtable.

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4. Riverdale

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Prospective home buyer? Don't miss these websites

Online. BuzzBuzz, TheRedPin and Zoocasa offering services for house hunters

CONDO TRENDS
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You need to use all the resources available when looking for a home. Now there's even more online. ISTOCK IMAGES

It is a known fact that most people begin their search for homes online, and a number of internet services have popped up offering real estate data for prospective home buyers.

The popular site BuzzBuzzhomes.com was the first company to have a full online listing of all new residential construction across Canada.

They've recently opened an office in New York City and aim to be North America's largest online listing of new construction.

BuzzBuzz is unique in that their information isn't available on the MLS. They go directly to the builders to gather the data. BuzzBuzz president Matthew Slutsky says that in the United States, there's greater access to resale listing information.

"There's some fantastic companies out there that create real estate portals whether it's Zillow or Trulia, and Canada's never had something like that."

In Canada, the Multiple Listing Service restricts the use of their data to licensed Realtors, so websites are somewhat limited as to what they can display to the public.

The online community has been pressuring them to bend the rules to allow full online listings.

TheRedPin.com was one of Toronto's first online, full-service realty brokerages.

They broke new ground in Canada by offering full listings on their website and hiring their own real estate agents. TheRedPin CEO Shayan Hamidi hopes the MLS will go the way of the U.S. and make all the listing information available to the general public.

"We actually joined the competition bureau in the last round, going to court with them to state our case."

He anticipates more players moving into the online brokerage space, "Because you get much better quality data as a broker. You have access to the actual database of the MLS."

The real estate website Zoocasa.com, affiliated with Rogers Communications, is a mash up of listing information and Google mapping technology to showcase homes across Canada in partnership with Canadian Realtors.

They are seeking to become a licensed real estate brokerage in order to be able to display the full MLS listings on their site. Slutsky says that Zoocasa's original goal was to create a non-broker listing of all resale homes.

"I think they really tried hard and I think they must have just hit too many roadblocks in actually getting quality information. The only way to do it is to actually tap into the MLS, and the only way to do that right now is be a broker."

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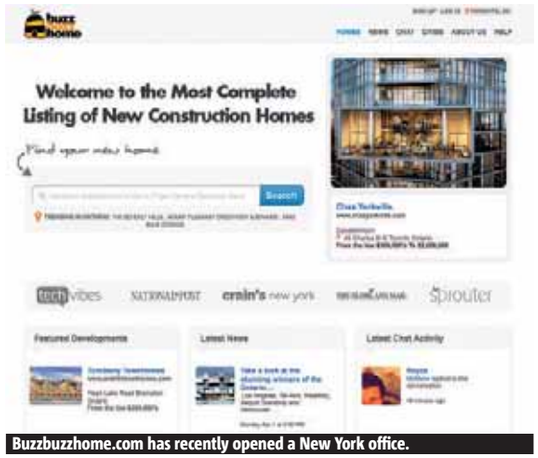

Buzzbuzzhome.com has recently opened a New York office.

Legal Matters

Sale a 'no go'

We are set to close the sale of our home tomorrow morning and our lawyer has called to let us know that the purchasers are backing out. Their lawyer has indicated that they are not interested in buying our home. What are our rights at this time?

LEGAL MATTERS
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Firstly, I would assume that your transaction was firm, meaning there were no conditions in favour of the purchasers still outstanding. This means that the buyers are obliged to complete the transaction whether or not they "want" to.

Contracts for the purchase and sale of real estate are one of the most ironclad types of agreements in our common law system. That being said, your purchasers have still expressed a clear interest in not purchasing your home.

This development is termed "anticipatory breach" and basically means that the purchasers have cancelled the contract in advance of its completion. In this case, you as a vendor would be entitled to damages which would essentially put you in the same position you would have been in had there been a completed transaction.

So, if you have to relist the property and sell if for less, you can pursue the purchasers for the difference you made on the new sale versus their purchase price — assuming you don't get as much money on your second transaction. Any extra costs such as ongoing mortgage payments and additional legal costs would also be demandable.

However, the big question is, at the end of the day, is there money available to satisfy these losses or are you just chasing your own tail. You need to sit down with your lawyer and have a lengthy discussion about what you are going to do.

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5 green decorating solutions

Spring home projects don't have to mean increasing the toxic load on the planet or in your abode. We've rounded up some sensible tools and eco-friendly products with less negative impact on the health of your home and the planet.

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

Choose an eco-conscious brand

Choosing paint colours and wallpapers is the fun part of room makeovers. But unwrap a roll of wallpaper or uncap a can of paint, and the room is filled with obnoxious ink fumes. Farrow & Ball crafts its non-acrylic paints with more natural ingredients and extremely low VOCs (volatile organic compounds). Their wallpapers use eco-friendly FSC-approved paper and are printed with Farrow & Ball's own low VOC water-based paint. Utilizing more water-based, rather than oil-based, paints benefits the environment both in production and waste disposal.

Opt for sustainable wood

Work on your projects with the ultra-stylish Areaware Wood Tool Set. It's made from sustainable harvested new growth beech wood and includes a level, 36-inch folding ruler, LED flashlight and screwdriver with interchangeable flat and Phillips heads.

Stop tossing your paintbrushes

Every year, in North America alone, more than 500 million used paintbrushes end up in landfills. Usually, the only part that needs replacing is the bristles. Kwick Clean and Green Envirobrush is the forever brush. Its replaceable bristle head means also avoiding brush-cleaning solvents and allows for easy mid-job paint colour changeover.

Find smart solutions

Take the drama out of painting with Mixing Mate. This nifty paint-can lid makes mixing paint easy via a turbine operated with a simple crank. It virtually eliminates drips and spills, and provides easy storage for unused paint. Less mess means less cleanup, which means less water consumption and less paint in the water supply. And fewer messy stir sticks in the landfill.

Add a new colour, not chemicals

Prepping your walls for a new coat of paint with chemical solvents means introducing notoriously toxic substances into your home and the environment. Chemical's Soy Gel Paint and Urethane Remover is an effective, nontoxic, odour-free alternative for removing old paint from walls and varnish from wood floors. It's also harmless to skin and because there are no toxic fumes, it's safe to use indoors. The soy-based product removes paints, urethanes, acrylics, epoxies and enamels, and is ideal for lead-based paints. And its thick gel consistency prevents lead from escaping into the air.

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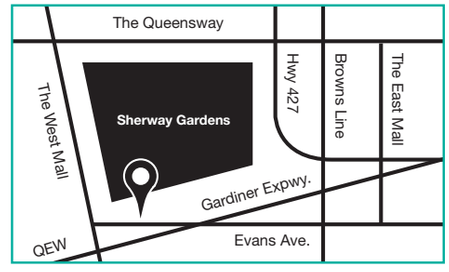

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New ways to decorate your wall space

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I often hear people say living in a small space doesn't allow for much decorating, and how accessories take up too much room. I remind them they don't need to rely on tabletops and floor space to display their wares, but to look vertically at the walls. Walls are probably the largest surface we have and there are many ways to dress them up with more than just flat art and mirrors.

Not since the Ikea floating display shelf have we seen such interesting inventions to add pizzazz to our vertical space. Dressing up the walls can be as simple as colour locking certain areas with some paint or creating a feature wall with a collection of artwork. If you are looking for an immediate, easy way to dress the walls, here's a few on-trend products that add a special touch.

Urbio system

It's vertical, modular, magnetic and flexible. Hang system panels on the wall, then attach individual containers using magnets. Useful for a wall of green, art supplies or whatever you want to display. From $75, eq3.com.

Learn to write chalkboard

Finally a way to write on the walls without getting in trouble. Leave messages, make lists or practise your ABC's. Stick on, erasable chalk boards uses any chalk. Easy to install by just peeling and sticking and reposition when you want to move them. $20 for four peel and stick panel decals, wallpops.com.

GRUNDTAL wall system

A simple rod and attachments can be useful anywhere; from the home office to the bath to the kitchen. Stylish stainless steel adds a rich modern look to very affordable display storage. $8 to $25 per piece, ikea.com.

Wall mounted teardrop vase

This handblown chemistry lab borosilicate beaker glass in a teardrop shape hangs via a cut and polished opening. One can be hung beside the guest bed and another in the shower. These guys add charm wherever they go. $5, cb2.com.

Architect wall flats

Get the look of a cool hotel lobby lounge wall by adding depth and dimension to your walls with paintable panels. Hide rough walls or outdated panelling, leave them white or paint them to match a colour in your space. $115 for 10 panels, urbanmode.com.

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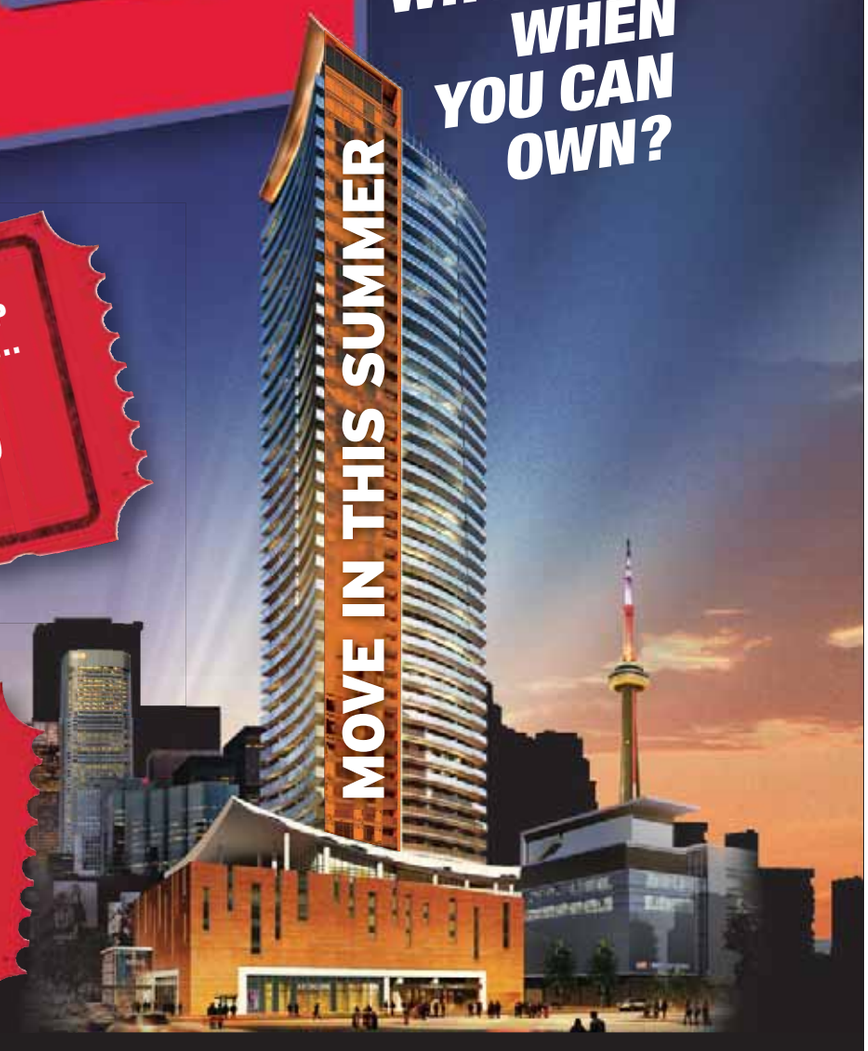

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Adding a backsplash will give your kitchen depth and colour. ISTOCK IMAGES

How to create the perfect backsplash for your kitchen

DIY ideas. Host of Kitchen Crashers shares tips to get you started on the project

Be your own weekend warrior and get started on your dream backsplash for your kitchen.

An easy fix to dull kitchens, backsplashes add a design element along with adding depth and colour. Kitchens tend to look the same in every home, so this is your chance to stand out.

Since host Alison Victoria of Kitchen Crashers can't take over for you this weekend, here are some tips to do it yourself.

Prepare the wall

Remove all switch plates and outlet covers. Sand the wall lightly, then wipe off the dust with a damp towel.

Mark the wall measurements and where you want your centre focus to be.

Dry lay out the design on your floor within the measurements to make sure it fits.

Apply Tiles

Using mastic, which is the adhesive that holds the tiles into place, scoop it out with the edge of your v-notched trowel and use a sweeping motion, applying enough for an area of eight tiles.

Apply bottom up from the base of the counter top. Leave enough space between the tile and the counter edge for a bead of caulking that takes place at the end. Work out in both directions.

If the mastic dries too fast before you apply tiles on top, scrape it off and apply a new layer. Don't be afraid to use materials other than tiles — small glass stones, old broken china and even pennies are fun options.

Trim the tiles

Some tiles won't fit perfectly to the edges and nooks your kitchen cupboards create. Mark where the cut needs to be made and do so using a wet saw. If you are inexperienced you can go to a hardware store to get them cut for you.

Fill with grout

Let the mastic and tile application dry overnight.

The next day mix and apply your unsanded tile grout according to the box directions. Pack the grout deep in between the tiles but not between the tile and the countertops.

Clean and caulk

After applying grout to the entire backsplash, wipe the surface clean with water and a towel.

Let the grout dry for 30 to 45 minutes. Once the grout dries, take a dry towel to clean and shine tiles. Apply caulking the same colour as the grout between tiles, and open spaces from the counter and cupboards to the tile; smooth down with a wet finger.

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Avoid the chaos and keep the colours alive

Design tips. From quilting to painting, simple guidelines can help you work well with your palette

Three needlepoint chairs with overblown blooms by Kaffee Fassett. Fassett uses exuberant color and bold images in his embroidery, knitting and fabric designs. BRANDON MABLY/ABRAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Artists and craftspeople know that the colours they choose — and leave out — are critical ingredients in their works' success, no matter the medium.

Colour done well is captivating. Colour done badly? It's just bad. Or drab. An eye for colour is both intuitive and learned, say the experts.

Kaffe Fassett has spent a lifetime experimenting. The septuagenarian is exuberant with colour in his embroidery, knitting and fabric designs. He's known for bold florals, fruits and vegetables, and geometric shapes — in sweaters, knitted coats and needlepoint. The author of 15 books, his latest, Kaffe Fassett Quilts: Shots and Stripes, goes minimal with vibrant swaths of colour — a simplicity that's a stretch for him.

A Londoner for 40 years who was born and raised in California, Fassett eschews conventional colour rules, although he subscribes to a few intuitively.

"I left art school the minute the colour wheel came out," he muses. "I thought that was the work of the devil."

When Fassett talks about harmony and "bounce," his language is as energetic as his artwork.

"Pick up one colour and stick it next to another and see if you get a bounce from it," says the textile artist. "Colours can either dampen each other or they can light each other up. It's just fantastic to see colour that is pulsating. It's just vibrating with life. Other times, the most wonderful colour is dropping dead because it's in the company of something that's killing it."

"I want to make the colours lush," Fassett continues. "I'm after the glow all the time."

During the quilting workshops he teaches in the United States and elsewhere, including online, he recommends using myriad shades of the same colour to create depth and harmony.

"Whenever possible, you have 10 shades of something rather than just one," says Fassett, who is inspired in part by faded, antique carpets.

For example, while knitters are usually told to adhere to a single dye lot when buying multiple yarn skeins for a project, Fassett recommends working with several dye lots.

"I never had dye-lot angst," he says. "Just the opposite. I loved when a colour ran out."

Also, stick to a colour theme but make it "pop" with little surprises of a different colour. That ensures a piece won't become muddy or drab from a colour theme's overuse. For example, if you're working in warm tones of red and orange, inject a little cool blue. This works in quilting and in other artistic media, such as painting.

"It can go very mushy if you don't have enough vivid differences," says Fassett.

Meanwhile, too much of a good thing — too much vibrant colour — creates chaos, says Anna Maria Horner, a Brentwood, Tenn., fine artist-turned-fabric-and-home-decor designer. Injecting a neutral colour can help.

"There's a difference between vivid and chaos," Horner says. "It's really a fine, small step between the two." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Colour in our lives

This same colour advice can be used elsewhere in our lives — when planning a garden, decorating a room or dressing for a night out. Likewise, get colour advice from your surroundings. Horner turns to fashion and Fassett is inspired by antique quilts. "The main thing is to get out your colours and keep looking at them," says Fassett. "See which ones make each other happy, and which ones overshadow and dominate the scene and make things dull. Get it to the point of glowing."

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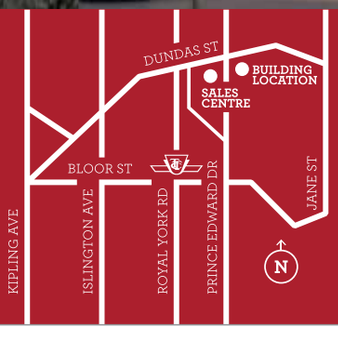

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Trust is key when choosing an interior designer

Home makeover. Be upfront about budget and expectations, but stay flexible when challenges arise

Home-decorating television shows and shelter magazines have many North Americans dreaming about inviting an expert interior designer into their homes.

It looks so effortless when a popular designer arrives in a whirlwind of creative ideas and quick-working craftsmen. By the end of an hour of cable TV, he or she has transformed a hopelessly drab home into a stylish oasis.

But what's it really like to hire a designer? How can you make sure it's a successful — and not too expensive — collaboration?

As with a good marriage, says interior designer Phoebe Howard, the relationship between designer and homeowner is about communication, trust and respect.

Finding candidates

Many homeowners find a designer by asking friends whether they've used one. Designer Cathy Davin, founder and president of Davin Interiors in Pittsburgh, says new clients are often referred to her by previous clients.

Others discover her online, she says. Interior designers generally keep a portfolio of photos of rooms they've designed on their websites. Browse through as many as you can in your area, noting photos that fit with your vision for your home.

Interior designer Phoebe Howard put together this New York City bedroom.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/PHOEBE HOWARD

Training varies. An interior designer "typically has a bachelor's degree in interior design, and depending on the region, they must be certified," Davin says. They can collaborate easily with engineers, contractors and architects, and should have a full understanding of colour, proportion and other elements of design.

A decorator "might be just someone who has a flair for decorating and wants to hang up a shingle," Davin says, and it's possible their style will fit perfectly with yours. But they probably won't have as much training as a designer.

As you meet with potential designers or decorators, see who makes you feel comfortable, Howard says. You're going to "open up your personal space" to the person you hire, so along with vetting their work, make sure your personalities mesh.

Discussing money

Howard, who is based in Florida, says a good designer should be able to tell you whether you can have what you're envisioning for the money you're able to spend. Be realistic and clear when discussing your budget.

Design fees vary around the country, but Davin says they tend to range between about $4 per square foot (for limited services like choosing a room's colour palette and furniture layout) to $10 or more per square foot for full project management.

Get cost estimates in writing and be sure you know exactly what is included. If you make any changes to a project after hiring a designer, get those adjustments in writing as well. Davin suggests keeping a folder with printouts of all agreements and correspondence about your project.

Extra calls or extra meetings cost money and slow the project down, so have notes ready and be prepared each time you call or meet with your designer.

Have no fear

"Get yourself to a certain comfort level, because you have to take that leap of faith."
Pittsburgh-based designer Cathy Davin

Agreeing on style

Davin suggests starting with a meeting at your home where all decision-makers are present. Couples should try to work out disagreements before sitting down with the designer, experts can be good sounding boards but they won't want to take sides in a battle.

As you make design choices, Howard says, do your homework. Touch the fabrics and study the colours to be sure you like them. Comb through websites and magazines, showing your designer what you have in mind.

And trust your instincts. If a designer or a particular decision really feels wrong, don't go with it.

Sharing control

"A lot of people's fear is that they're going to end up with this crazy living room that doesn't feel like them at all," Davin says.

But if you've taken time to choose someone who shares your taste and understands what you want, then "allow them to stretch you and push you" at least a little, she says.

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How to be stylish on the cheap

Decor on a budget. Keep an eye on online deals, get inspired through catalogues and get choosy with individual pieces

Home owners have many incentives to paint, touch up and otherwise redecorate their homes. But there's no need to spend willy-nilly.

From finding treasures on eBay.com to taking advantage of new offerings at department stores and discounters, there are plenty of ways to make your home more stylish on the cheap.

"There's no excuse for an undecorated home on any budget," said Candace Corlett, president of WSL Strategic Retail, a retail consultancy. "Home has as much retail selection as fashion. And you can get a lot of buys."

Walmart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, has expanded its assortment of window treatments like blinds this year, and is also bolstering offerings on rugs, decorative pillows, bathroom accessories and patio furniture. Meanwhile, Target — known for its cheap, chic home designs — has launched a full line for the new store brand called Threshold, which offers a variety of goods from dinnerware sets to sheets and towels.

Here are five tips for decorating your home from the experts.

Do your homework

First, create a budget and search around to get inspiration. To get ideas, attend open houses to see how other people are decorating their homes. There are fewer home decor magazines than there used to be. But you can always flip through catalogues from stores such as Ballard Designs to get some tips.

Also, experts encourage you to do broad searches on the Web. EBay just launched a new technology called Feed that allows you to personalize your searches based on your style, like 1960s mod.

"It's all about getting unexpected things," said Chris Benz, an American fashion designer who is collaborating with eBay on various fashion collections. He said he has furnished his apartment and office with eclectic eBay finds like vintage Italian turquoise pottery pieces.

Pick and choose

Study your space and figure out what pieces of furniture you'll be using more.

If you spend a lot of time in your living room, you may want to spend more on a sofa and an entertainment centre that would house your flat-screen TV and books.

It's like investing in good shoes or a handbag, said Pallavi Naidu, vice-president of merchandising and product development at Atlanta-based Ballard Designs. Spending more on items that get lots of use means they will last longer and give you more satisfaction.

Improvise

You don't need the real thing. If you don't have money to spend on a granite backsplash for your kitchen, turn to peel-and-stick wall tiles. Not sure if you want to invest in a carpet? An area rug could cost less and accomplish the same thing.

Repurpose pieces

Shop in flea markets and even your mother's attic to find pieces that could be reinvented as useful home decor items. And think beyond the original purpose: WSL's Corlett said that old sewing machines or leather-trimmed luggage can be used as tables instead.

When in doubt, paint it

Often, just a fresh coat of paint will make all the difference in a room, and it is an easy, affordable and fun way to see an immediate change.

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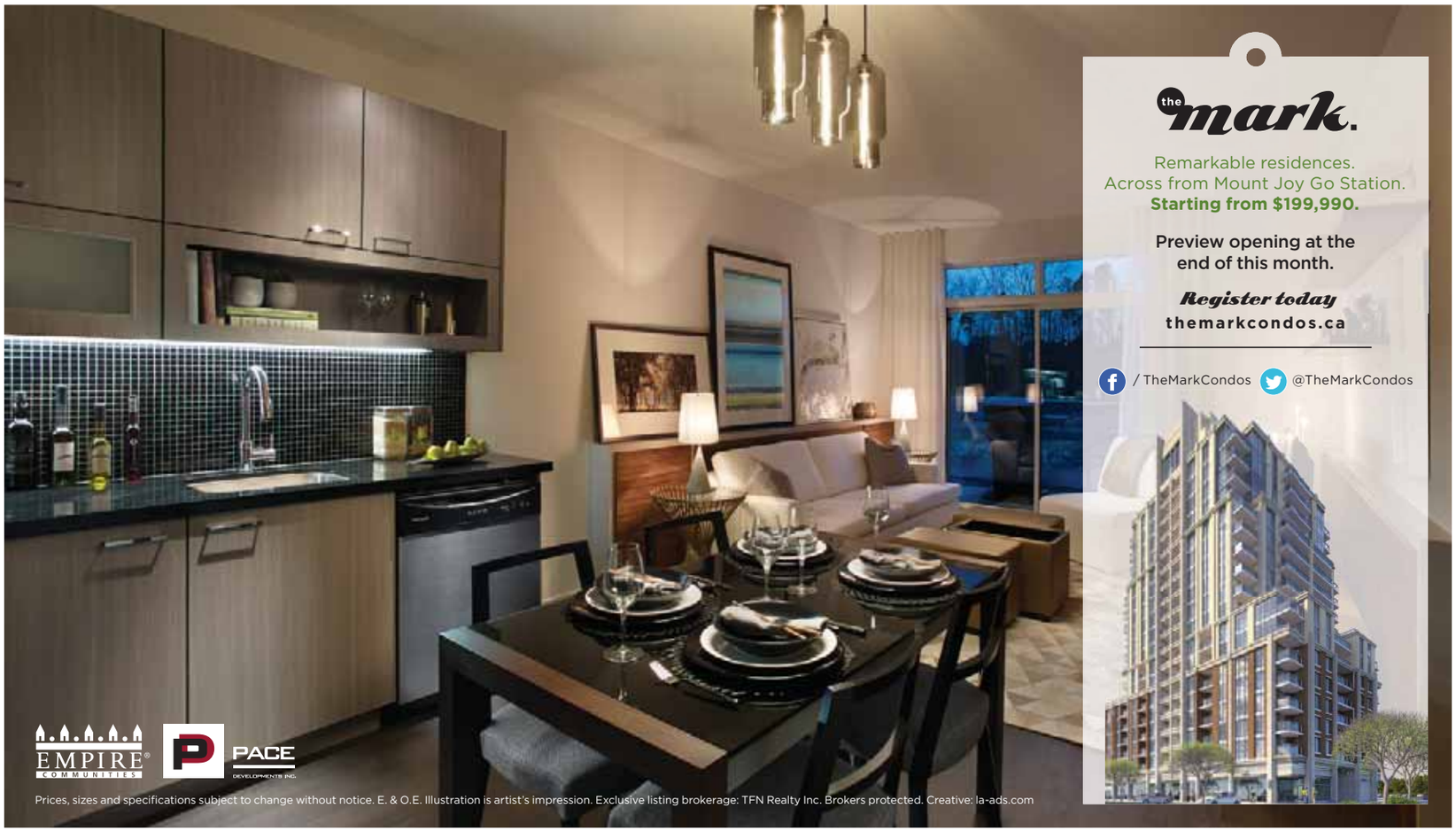
This room setup from the Ballard Designs catalogue combines a clever space-age touch with a vibrant colour scheme. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/BALLARD DESIGNS

Let's make a deal

Along with scouring online deals, thrift stores and repurposed items, you can also look to financing deals offered by various retailers.

- If you're strapped and need to stagger payments, financing is preferable to putting all the charges onto your credit card.
- Most furniture stores have interest-free financing deals available. Just remember to keep up with the payments to avoid hefty interest fees.

Red accents, flashy lamps and fun accessories can make a bland living space pop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/BALLARD DESIGNS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The secret to having a (nearly) weed-free garden

Planting season.
Lee Reich, author of Weedless Gardening, explains how certain techniques can lessen the problem

With careful maintenance, you can eliminate many of the weeds in your garden, and save yourself valuable time and energy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For a time many years back, I would become nervous every time I went out to my garden to weed. The weeds were so few that I feared something was wrong with the soil.

True, I had taken deliberate steps to create this condition, but initially it was hard to believe that results could so well bear out theory.

The first step in creating this "weedless" condition was to stop turning over or tilling the ground.

Buried in every soil are countless dormant weed seeds just waiting to be awakened by exposure to light and/or air. Not tilling —whether with a shovel, garden fork or rototiller—keeps those seeds buried and dormant.

Added bonuses to the no-till approach are preservation of valuable soil humus (organic matter), earlier planting in spring, more efficient water use and, of course, not having to go through the trouble of tilling.

Keep the soil intact and covered.
I now take great pains to avoid disturbing the layering that naturally develops over time in any soil.

I clean up old marigold plants, tomato vines and other spent plants during and at the end of the growing season by jerking them out of the ground and coaxing out plants with large roots, such as corn, by first cutting around their main roots with a garden knife.

I also enrich the soil from the top down, spreading fertilizers and compost or other organic materials right on the surface. Most of a plant's feeder roots — the roots that benefit most from organic materials and fertilizers — grow near the surface anyway. And near or on the surface is where organic materials can also do the most good, offering protection from the pounding of raindrops and the summer sun.

Still, there are always those weeds that arrive in the garden as seeds hitchhiking in with the wind or dropped by birds. Each year, I smother them by spreading a thin, weed-free mulch over the soil. The mulch of choice depends on the look I want, the plants and the soil.

Don't walk on my bed.
Of course, you can't just stop tilling, throw mulch on the ground and garden as usual. Walking on the soil and rolling a wheelbarrow, garden cart or tractor over it compacts the soil; tillage is then needed to aerate it.

The way to avoid compaction in the first place is to lay out the garden with permanent areas for plants and for traffic. Trafficked areas also need to be mulched, in this case with some lean, weed-free material such as wood chips, gravel or straw.

Planted areas in my vegetable garden consist of rectangular beds three feet wide surrounded by 18-inch-wide paths. Beds in my flower garden are more free-form or have stepping stones.

Also, vegetables and flowers can be grown together in beds.

Drip that water.
Changing watering technique was the final step on my road to "weedlessness." Not all plants need regular watering, but for those that do, drip irrigation is the way to go.

Drip irrigation puts water near garden plants, so none is wasted or promoting weed growth in the areas between plants or in paths.

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Good riddance

You still may encounter weeds on occasion in your garden. Yank them out, roots and all, or use tools.

- Colonies of small weeds are quickly done in with a "winged weeder", collinear hoe or some other hoe with a sharp blade that can be slid along just an inch below the soil's surface.

NBA

Valanciunas sets scoring high in Raptors victory

Jonas Valanciunas scored a career-high 24 points to go with 10 rebounds as the Toronto Raptors defeated the Washington Wizards 88-78 on Wednesday.

Valanciunas went 16-of-18 from the free throw line and DeMar DeRozan had 25 points for Toronto (28-47), which snapped a two-game slide after being eliminated from the playoff chase with Monday's 108-98 home loss to Detroit.

John Wall had 20 points to lead the short-handed Wizards (28-47), who announced before the game that rookie standout Bradley Beal will miss the remainder of the season with a right leg injury.

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Raptors rookie Jonas Valanciunas
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MLB

"He was nasty. ... His ball was moving all over the place."

Texas coach Ron Washington on Wednesday, the day after opening-day starter Yu Darvish came within an out of becoming the second Ranger ever to pitch a perfect game.

Jays shortstop Jose Reyes tracks a groundball during Wednesday night's game against Cleveland at Rogers Centre. ABELIMAGES/GETTY IMAGES

First win just out of reach in Toronto

MLB. Izturis and Bautista homer in game No. 2, but Jays offence still yet to roar to life

Mark Reynolds homered off Sergio Santos in the 11th inning to lift the Cleveland Indians to a 3-2 win over the offensively challenged Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night.

The Cleveland designated hitter was 0-for-4 with two strikeouts prior to the solo shot off Santos (0-1), the Jays' sixth pitcher on the night, to lead off the 11th.

On Wednesday

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Melky Cabrera, Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion — the heart of the Jays' lineup — were unable to respond in the bottom of the 11th with right-hander Joe Smith on the mound. Toronto registered just five hits.

Bautista homered with one out in the ninth to force extra innings. Prior to his solo shot over the left-field fence off closer Chris Perez, Bautista had hit into two double plays and flied out.

Perez had struck out Cabrera to open the ninth in a game that saw fine fielding from both teams.

Michael Brantley went 4-for-5, driving in one run and scoring the go-ahead on a Maicer Izturis error in the eighth inning, to help the Indians take a 2-1 lead.

After Darren Oliver walked Nick Swisher to open the eighth, Brantley singled. Izturis, who had earlier homered for Toronto, made a good stab on a Carlos Santana shot to force Swisher at third. But Izturis' long throw to first for the double play was errant and Brantley scored.

After an opening day sellout of 48,857, Game No. 2 drew 24,619 to the Rogers Centre.

The Indians (2-0) took the opener 4-1, with Toronto (0-2) managing just four hits. The offence was just as light to start Wednesday in what was a pitching duel between Toronto's Brandon Morrow and Ubaldo Jimenez through six innings.

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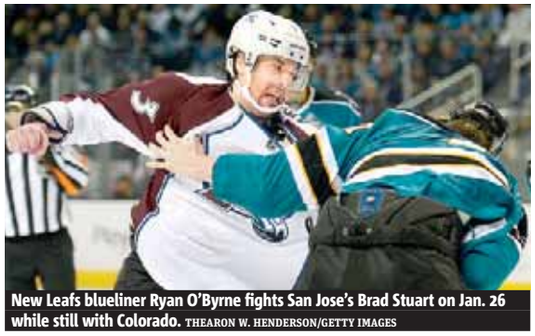
Leafs largely quiet on trade deadline day



New Leafs blueliner Ryan O'Byrne fights San Jose's Brad Stuart on Jan. 26 while still with Colorado. THEARON W. HENDERSON/GETTY IMAGES

Randy Carlyle's Maple Leafs continue to take shape.

Maple Leafs GM Dave Nonis didn't do too much at the trade deadline — a goalie escaped him — but he did acquire two big stay-at-home defencemen on the same day.

One through a trade, Ryan O'Byrne from the Colorado Avalanche.

And one from the college ranks: Draft pick Andrew MacWilliam from North Dakota.

O'Byrne — who had trouble with Tampa police in 2008 — is expected in town on Thursday. He'll most likely be the big guy offering defensive support for the spry John-Michael Liles or perhaps ultimately the speedy Jake Gardiner down the line.

"He's going to be one of our eight defencemen. He's not going to come in here and take over the defensive core," Nonis said.

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Goalies stay put

- Goalie Miikka Kiprusoff remained in Calgary after the deadline passed despite rumours he might be sent to the Leafs.
- And Roberto Luongo stayed a Canuck. "My contract sucks," he said as a possible reason he wasn't traded.

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4 SPORTS

Blue Jackets go all-in at trade deadline

NHL. Columbus GM Kekalainen swings deal to bring in sniper Gaborik from Rangers

Columbus Blue Jackets rookie general manager Jarmo Kekalainen made an unexpected splash Wednesday at the NHL trade deadline.

The Finnish-born Kekalainen — the NHL's first European general manager — acquired sniper Marian Gaborik from the New York Rangers prior to the 3 p.m. deadline. It was a bold move for a GM whose club is 11th in the Western Conference but just one point behind eighth-place St. Louis.

"Throughout this process our focus was to add a player who could provide a boost to our offence, improve our goal scoring and power play, and we identified Marian Gaborik as the player we wanted," Kekalainen said. "He has been an elite goal scorer in this league for many years and we are very excited to have him."

Columbus also received defencemen Blake Parlett and Steve Delisle from the Rangers for forwards Derick Brassard and Derek Dorsett, defenceman John Moore and a 2014 sixth-round pick.

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Elsewhere on Wednesday

- The Ottawa Senators traded goalie Ben Bishop to the Tampa Bay Lightning for rookie centre Cory Conacher and fourth-round pick.
- The Buffalo Sabres traded Jason Pominville to Minnesota. The Wild sent prospects plus a first-rounder in 2013 and a second-rounder pick in 2014 for Pominville and a fourth-rounder in 2014.
- The Pittsburgh Penguins added Jussi Jokinen from the Carolina Hurricanes for a conditional sixth- or seventh-rounder in 2013.

Leafs stick to long-term plan

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The Maple Leafs' lack of headline-making action on trade deadline day was as much about management's patience and willingness to stick with a long-term plan as it was an endorsement of a Toronto roster that has exceeded expectations. And let's face it — when the Buds are challenging not only for a playoff spot, but (gasp) home ice advantage, there's a lot less that needs fixing than in recent years.

All the Leafs did Wednesday was what many expected: add depth on the blue-line at a relatively low cost/risk. In this case, GM Dave Nonis dealt a fourth-rounder to Colorado for veteran defenceman and soon-to-be unrestricted free agent Ryan O'Byrne. Teams on pace for the playoffs understand that injuries will be a factor and depth matters. That's what this move was about.

But beyond that, the Leafs did not go all-out to acquire Vancouver star goalie Roberto Luongo and weren't successful in their pursuit of Flames veteran netminder Miikka Kiprusoff. Team brass is comfortable enough with James Reimer and Ben Scrivens — at least, for this season — and like their teammates, the duo has earned the chance.

Same goes for Tyler Bozak and Clarke MacArthur, the two most prominent Leafs forwards who wills be UFAs this summer. Nonis could easily have justified trading one or both instead of watching them walk away for nothing in the offseason. Instead, they each get the opportunity to prove they belong and earn themselves raises.

Although there are a couple more experienced players in the dressing room, this is a young group. Even with the acquisition of O'Byrne, the Leafs have just 206 games of playoff experience. (Compare that to the Boston Bruins, who after trade deadline day had 1,262 games of playoff experience.) There are going to be more growing pains, and possibly, more significant moves, in the months and years to come. But you can't just tear up a team just for the hell of it. You need a good reason.

Nonis saw no good reason and rightly stayed the course. Because of that choice, Toronto will have some $20 million in salary cap space next season. And that's the best acquisition any Leafs fans should hope for.

James Reimer, front, and Ben Scrivens will be the Leafs' main men during the stretch drive. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Staying the course

Leafs brass is comfortable with James Reimer and Ben Scrivens — at least for this season — and the duo has earned the chance.

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NCAA

Rutgers coach fired for abuse

Rutgers basketball coach Mike Rice gave an emotional apology to reporters on Wednesday after his firing.

Rice was asked to leave the team after a video surfaced showing him abusing his own players physically and verbally with homophobic slurs.

"I've let so many people down," he told reporters outside his home in Little Silver, N.J.

Rice said that when he saw the footage three months ago he thought he could work on changing and added he thought he "accomplished a lot of that." But "there's no excuse for it. I was wrong."

Rice said his family was huddled inside the home trying to come to terms with the fact "their father was an embarrassment to them. There's no explanation for what's on those films."

The video shows a couple of minutes of Rice swearing at players during practice and abusing his players physically by shoving them and throwing basketballs at them.

The abuse documented in the video goes back three years.

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Rutgers coach Mike Rice was fired after ESPN released video footage of him physically and verbally abusing his players. MEL EVANS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

NCAA. Ware will make trip to Final Four

Injured Louisville guard Kevin Ware will travel to the Final Four on his crutches and expects to be a big presence for the Cardinals.

Cleared by doctors to accompany Louisville to Atlanta, the sophomore told The Associated Press Wednesday that he plans to be a full participant in the team's preparation for Saturday's game against Wichita State. The Cardinals will leave around 7 p.m. for a flight expected to last just over an hour with Ware on it.

Kevin Ware THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ware said the overwhelming support he has received has helped him maintain his spirits and strengthened his confidence in a full recovery. He hopes by next season to be helping the Cardinals defend the national championship he believes they'll win this weekend.

The normally reserved 20-year-old calmly recalled how he felt when he suffered the devastating injury, saying he doesn't think Louisville would be in the Final Four if he had lost his composure.

Ware credits teammate Luke Hancock for calming him down.

"Luke said his words, and I just kept repeating, 'y'all gotta go win this game. I'm fine.' ... It really helped the team."

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Sarah Vaillancourt rescues her injury-plagued hockey career

Sarah Vaillancourt chases Team USA defenceman Megan Bozek during Canada's 3-2 shootout win on Tuesday in Ottawa. Just a few weeks ago, after a run of injuries and three surgeries in two years, Vaillancourt thought her hockey career was over. She even contemplated retirement.
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Women's world hockey championships. Sherbrooke, Que. native involved in both of Canada's third-period goals in win over U.S.

Sarah Vaillancourt thought her hockey career was over just a few weeks ago.

The two-time Olympic gold medallist made a tearful call in January to parents Robert and Monique, who were spending the winter in Florida. A run of injuries and three surgeries in two years had Vaillancourt contemplating retirement.

The 27-year-old from Sherbrooke, Que., had just started skating and training again following her most recent surgery in November for a sports hernia. She was sore and her progress felt like one step up and two steps back.

"I called my dad and said, 'You know what? I think this is it.' I was crying," Vaillancourt says. "My dad said, 'Sarah, give yourself two weeks and see because you don't want to have any regrets.'"

Vaillancourt played her first hockey game in more than a year March 1 with the CWHL's Montreal Stars. Given her lack of games over the last two seasons and the stiff competition for jobs on Canada's national team, it's surprising head coach Dan Church named Vaillancourt to his 2013 world championship roster. Church gave Vaillancourt latitude because of her game of skill and sandpaper, plus a decade's worth of international experience.

"She can put the puck in the net, she's a right-handed shot. She can play power play and penalty kill," Church explains. "That's a skill set I think is valuable to us and something we're going to need here in Ottawa."

Vaillancourt was involved in both of Canada's third-period goals that sent Tuesday's tournament opener versus the U.S. into a shootout. Canada went on to win it 3-2. Rebecca Johnston scored on a rebound sequence that started with a Vaillancourt shot from close range. Vaillancourt put the puck on net for a Haley Irwin deflection, but Catherine Ward finished the play for the second goal.

"I had to adapt to the tempo," Vaillancourt said. "I felt I gained momentum and started throwing my body out there and I think that's what I have to keep doing." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"She's got a lot of skill and talent, but she also plays a real tough game. She's the type of player you want on your team."

Dan Church, head coach for Team Canada, on Sarah Vaillancourt

Win through injuries

Canada cruises past Switzerland

Marie-Philip Poulin scored four times to pace Canada to a 13-0 win over Switzerland at the women's world hockey championship Wednesday in Ottawa.

Canada was minus captain Hayley Wickenheiser and assistant captain Caroline Ouellette. Both players were scratched from the lineup prior to the game with upper-body injuries. Head coach Dan Church said they were "day-to-day."

Brianne Jenner scored twice and Jennifer Wakefield had a goal and two assists. Rebecca Johnston, Natalie Spooner, Sarah Vaillancourt, Meaghan Mikkelson and Haley Irwin also scored, with Jayna Hefford contributing a short-handed goal. Charline Labonte stopped 16 shots for the shutout. Poulin tied a record for the most goals in a single game scored by a Canadian player.
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Chicago	40	33	.548	17½
Boston	39	36	.520	19½
Milwaukee	36	38	.486	22
Philadelphia	30	44	.405	28
Toronto	**28**	**47**	**.373**	**30½**
Washington	28	47	.373	30½
Detroit	25	51	.329	34
Cleveland	22	52	.297	36
Orlando	19	56	.253	39½
Charlotte	18	57	.240	40½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	55	19	.743	—
Oklahoma City	54	20	.730	1
Denver	50	24	.676	5
L.A. Clippers	49	26	.653	6½
Memphis	50	24	.676	5
Golden State	42	32	.568	13
Houston	41	33	.554	14
Utah	39	36	.520	16½
L.A. Lakers	39	36	.520	16½
Dallas	36	38	.486	19
Portland	33	41	.446	22
Minnesota	28	46	.378	27
Sacramento	27	47	.365	28
New Orleans	26	48	.351	29
Phoenix	23	51	.311	32

x — clinched playoff berth; z — clinched conference.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 88 Washington 78
Brooklyn 113 Cleveland 95
Charlotte 88 Philadelphia 83
New York 95 Atlanta 82
Boston 98 Detroit 93
Minnesota 107 Milwaukee 98
Orlando at San Antonio
Denver at Utah
Memphis at Portland
Houston at Sacramento
New Orleans at Golden State
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers
THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Chicago at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
d-Pittsburgh	38	28	10	0	0	125	94	56
d-Montreal	36	23	8	3	2	114	89	51
d-Winnipeg	38	18	18	0	2	93	115	38
Boston	35	23	8	2	2	100	77	50
Toronto	36	20	12	0	4	112	100	44
Ottawa	36	19	11	2	4	91	79	44
NY Rangers	36	18	15	0	3	88	87	39
New Jersey	36	15	12	3	6	89	100	39
NY Islanders	37	18	16	3	0	108	115	39
Washington	36	17	17	2	0	107	104	36
Philadelphia	36	16	17	1	2	100	111	35
Carolina	35	16	17	1	1	96	106	34
Buffalo	37	14	17	2	4	98	114	34
Tampa Bay	35	15	18	0	2	112	106	32
Florida	37	12	19	5	1	91	127	30

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
d-Chicago	35	27	5	0	3	119	76	57
d-Anaheim	36	24	7	2	3	111	90	53
d-Minnesota	35	21	12	1	1	98	90	44
Vancouver	36	19	11	1	5	94	93	44
Los Angeles	36	20	13	1	2	104	91	43
San Jose	35	18	11	3	3	88	86	42
Detroit	36	18	13	3	2	94	94	41
St. Louis	34	18	14	1	1	98	94	38
Nashville	37	15	14	2	6	92	100	38
Edmonton	35	15	13	4	3	91	96	37
Columbus	36	15	14	3	4	87	97	37
Phoenix	36	15	15	2	4	97	102	36
Dallas	35	16	16	2	1	94	107	35
Calgary	34	13	17	1	3	94	118	30
Colorado	36	12	20	3	1	87	114	28

d — division leader. **Note** — division leaders ranked in top three positions per conference regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL or SOL columns.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 5 Montreal 3
NY Rangers 6 Pittsburgh 1
Edmonton at Calgary
Dallas at Anaheim
Minnesota at San Jose
THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Baltimore	1	1	.500	½
Tampa Bay	1	1	.500	½
New York	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	**0**	**1**	**.000**	**1**

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	2	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	½
Detroit	1	1	.500	1
Minnesota	1	1	.500	1
Kansas City	0	2	.000	2

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	2	0	1.000	—
Texas	2	1	.667	½
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1
Houston	1	2	.333	1½
Oakland	0	2	.000	2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago White Sox 5 Kansas City 2
Texas 4 Houston 0
Minnesota 3 Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 8 Baltimore 7
Boston at N.Y. Yankees
Cleveland at **Toronto**
Seattle at Oakland
THURSDAY'S GAMES — All times Eastern
Detroit (Porcello 0-0) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Gonzalez 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Hernandez 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
Seattle (Maurer 0-0) at Oakland (Griffin 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Boston (Dempster 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Myers 0-0) at **Toronto (Buehrle 0-0)**, 7:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S GAMES — All times Eastern
L.A. Angels (Blanton 0-0) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 0-0) at Pittsburgh (McDonald 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Miami (Leblanc 0-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lee 0-0) at Atlanta (Medlen 0-0), 7:10 p.m.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may be down because you have not accomplished as much as you had planned but there is really no point moaning about it. Just set new targets and get on with your life.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You will need to compromise today, especially where money is concerned. It does not matter what your feelings are, it matters only that you reach an agreement with those who hold the purse strings.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Be careful what you say over the next 24 hours as the planets warn someone could take your words the wrong way. You know how touchy some people can be and how easy it is to lose friends.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Before you do anything else today, remind yourself that you are the boss. If you want to change your plans because your mood has changed that is entirely up to you. Friends and family should know you by now.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The choices you make over the next few days will have a huge impact on the direction your life takes over the next few months. Don't be afraid to commit yourself to a creative project. You can make it work.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your time is precious, so don't waste it on trivial things and trivial people. You know what you should be doing — you can feel it in your bones — so get on with it. It's all about setting the right priorities.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You need to have words with someone who has let you down. You need to let them know you are not amused. Don't accept excuses but don't make them feel too bad either. You're still friends after all.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You feel a bit tired after all the comings and goings of the past few days and should treat yourself to a break. Remember the law of diminishing returns: past a certain point, it's futile to work harder.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you merely assume that things will turn out right, they may. But they could just as easily go wrong. Ask yourself what you can actually do to ensure the desired result — then do it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The only thing that can hold you back now is a lack of self-confidence. Others may think you are supremely assured but there is in fact a major doubt nagging away inside you. Deal with it quickly.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Everything you say and do has an effect on other people, even people you don't know personally, so think before you speak and act. On a cosmic level, you are responsible for others as well as yourself.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you want to succeed, you need to be aware not only of areas where you are good but also areas where you are not so good. What are your weaknesses? SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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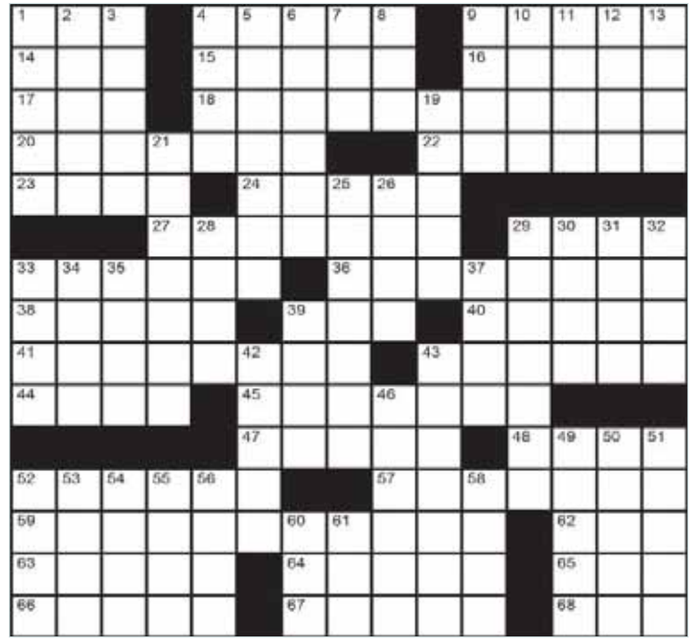
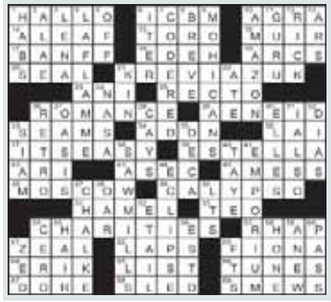


Across
1. Tuktoyaktuk locale, for short
4. __ Current, Saskatchewan
9. Superman's father on the planet Krypton, __-__
14. 1988 Poison album: 'Open Up and Say... __!'
15. Chocolate source
16. TV teaser
17. Spirit's sound
18. Michael J. Fox TV role, __ _. __
20. Country singer Ms. Lambert
22. Church: French
23. "Say it __ so!"
24. Pointed arch in architecture
27. Bug
29. Superlative suffix
33. Change the house's topping again
36. Outfit
38. On-the-road reversal
39. Surgery sites, for short
40. Cook's garb
41. Shakespearean tragedy, Troilus and __
43. Soldiers
44. Larry __ (Tony's original portrayer on Broadway in West Side Story)
45. Negations
47. Bar, legally
48. Dutch cheese
52. Layers combed for fossils
57. Fashion designer, Donatella __
59. Tourist-to-Canada's book: 2 wds.
62. Spelling contest
63. Mysterious
64. Per __ (Yearly)
65. Pen name?
66. Honey drinks
67. Uses the horn
68. Olympian, e.g.

Down
1. One of The Judds
2. "__ __ it?" (Asked at the door)
3. Rose's one-of-some
4. All-in-one printer function
5. "The Muppet Show" hecklers, Statler & __
6. Pleistocene event: 2 wds.
7. All-in-one printer function
8. Shirt
9. PC image file format
10. Spoken
11. Roast: French
12. Namesakes of funnyman Mr. Philips
13. Sole
19. Doesn't discard
21. If everything else fails: 2 wds.
25. Repetitive
26. Some delivery vehicles
28. Particles
29. Puts upon
30. River of Spain
31. Food-like food
32. Some money bills
33. Tip to 'sack' (Backpack)
34. Raison d'__
35. Penitent person
37. "My Name Is __"
39. Poetic pieces
42. Model of perfection
43. Like wrists and ankles for some athletes: 2 wds.
46. Backstage mentor on "American Idol", Jimmy __
49. Part of Fred Flintstone's exclamation!
50. Do well, for instance, on an exam: 2 wds.
51. __ Lake Accord
52. Originate from
53. __-planting ceremony
54. ___ avis (Rare bird, Latin style)
55. Keen
56. Kicker's pegs
58. Sleep stages, commonly
60. Make small talk
61. French article

Yesterday's Crossword



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	3	6	4				5	8
7			3	5			9	
			9		8	1	7	
		4		7		8		
	7	8	2		1			
	5			2	9			1
3	1				4	2	6	
8		2					4	7

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	9	1	6	5	8	4	3
4	5	3	8	9	7	2	1	6
6	1	8	2	3	4	9	7	5
3	6	1	4	5	9	7	8	2
9	7	2	3	8	1	6	5	4
5	8	4	7	2	6	1	3	9
8	9	7	6	4	3	5	2	1
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Cash price is $16,980. Cost of Borrowing is $0. Example price includes Delivery and Destination of $1,495, fees, levies, and all applicable charges (excluding HST). Example price excludes registration, insurance, PPSA and license fees. Delivery and destination charge includes freight, P.D.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. ▼Fuel consumption for 2013 Accent 4 Door L 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.3L/100KM; City 7.1L/100KM)/Elantra Sedan L 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.2L/100KM; City 7.1L/100KM) Veloster 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.3L/100KM; City 7.5L/100KM) / Santa Fe 2.4L FWD Auto (HWY 6.7L/100KM, City 10.1L/100KM) are based on Energuide. Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. ♦Price of models shown 2013 Accent 4 Door GLS Auto/ Elantra Limited/Veloster Tech 6-Speed Manual/Santa Fe 2.0T Limited AWD is $20,230/$24,930/$24,830/$40,395. Prices include Delivery and Destination charges of $1,495/$1,495/$1,495/$1,760, fees, levies, and all applicable charges (excluding HST). Prices exclude registration, insurance, PPSA and license fees. ΩPrice adjustments are calculated against the vehicle's starting price. Price adjustments of up to $500 available on 2013 Elantra Sedan. Price adjustments applied before taxes. Offer cannot be combined or used in conjunction with any other available offers. Offer is non-transferable and cannot be assigned. No vehicle trade-in required. *Purchase, finance or lease an in-stock 2013 Accent/Elantra/Elantra Coupe/Elantra GT/Veloster/Genesis Coupe/Sonata/Sonata HEV/Santa Fe Sport/Santa Fe XL/Tucson/2012 Sonata HEV during the Double Savings Event and you will receive one $0.99 per litre Esso Price Privileges Fuel Card (including applicable taxes). The $0.99 per litre Esso Price Privileges Card is issued by Esso and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Esso Price Privileges Fuel Card agreement. Customers in the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island (collectively, "Atlantic Provinces") and Quebec will receive a maximum benefit of $0.55 per litre in the event that gas prices increase above $1.54 during the card activation period. Customers in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba will receive a maximum benefit of $0.50 per litre in the event that gas prices increase above $1.49 during the card activation period. Customers in the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Manitoba and Ontario will receive a minimum discount of $0.30 per litre in the event that gas prices decrease below $1.29 per litre in these provinces. All Fuel Cards expire on December 31st, 2013. Fuel cards are valid only at participating Esso retail locations (excluding the province of British Columbia) and are not redeemable for cash. Fuel Cards cannot be used in the province of British Columbia. Fuel Cards can only be used on Regular, Extra and Premium motor vehicle grade fuel purchases only. Price with Fuel Card of $0.99 per litre applies to Regular grade fuel only. Price with Fuel Card on Extra and Premium grade fuels are $1.12 and $1.18 per litre, respectively. Price Privileges Card must be used in combination with another form of payment accepted at Esso stations in Canada (excluding British Columbia) and is redeemable in-store only. Only one Price Privileges Card can be used per transaction. Based on Energuide combined fuel consumption rating for the 2013 Accent Auto (6.3L/100km)/Elantra Auto (6.3L/100km)/Elantra Coupe Auto (6.6L/100km)/Elantra GT Auto (6.6L/100km)/Veloster 1.6L Auto (6.3L/100km)/Genesis Coupe 2.0L Auto (8.6L/100km)/Sonata 2.4L Auto (7.3L/100km)/Sonata HEV Auto (5.2L/100km)/Tucson 2.0L Auto (8.2L/100km)/Santa Fe Sport 2.4L FWD Auto (8.6L/100km)/2012 Sonata HEV Auto (5.3L/100km) and the combined fuel consumption rating for the 2013 Santa Fe XL 3.3L FWD (9.9L/100km) as determined by the Manufacturer as shown on www.hyundaicanada.com at 15,400km/year which is the yearly average driving distance as referenced by Transport Canada's Provincial Light Vehicle Fleet Statistics, 2011, minus one full tank of fuel provided at the time of delivery of 2013 Accent (43L), Elantra (48L), Elantra Coupe (50L), Elantra GT (50L), Veloster (50L), Genesis Coupe (65L), Sonata (70L), Sonata HEV (65L), Tucson (58L), Santa Fe Sport (66L), Santa Fe XL (71L), 2012 Sonata HEV (65L), this is equivalent to $0.99 per litre gas up to a total of 725 Litres (2013 Accent/Elantra/Elantra Coupe/Elantra GT/Veloster), 800 Litres (2013 Sonata/2013 Sonata HEV/2012 Sonata HEV) and 1,000 Litres (2013 Genesis Coupe/Tucson/Santa Fe Sport/Santa Fe XL). Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. †Ω*♦Offers available for a limited time, and subject to change or cancellation without notice. See dealer for complete details. Dealer may sell for less. Inventory is limited, dealer order may be required. ††Hyundai's Comprehensive Limited Warranty coverage covers most vehicle components against defects in workmanship under normal use and maintenance conditions.